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Netanyahu's new government sworn in

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THE government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was endorsed by the Knesset last night by a vote of 62 to 50, in probably the strangest transition ceremony the Knesset has ever seen.

After all the speeches, the new prime minister without warning named a cabinet that did not include coalition partner David Levy and Likud stalwart Ariel Sharon. In the interim. Netanyahu announced he would hold onto the additional portfolios of Foreign Affairs, Construction and Housing, and Religious Affairs. Meanwhile, the debate on ministerial appointments adjourned before Netanyahu had time to solve his portfolio problems by creating a new ministry for

But in a cliffhanger ending to a suspense-ridden day, just as the Likud coalition-talks coordinator asked for an extension to the break in the debate, in walked a smiling Netanyahu and Levy, so unexpectedly that visitors un-versed in Knesset protocol started

Former justice minister David Liba'i objected to the whole procedure. "How is it possible to present Government A and at the end of the discussion on it ask for a vote on a different government?"

he asked from the plenum floor. But it was not only possible - it was done. The Knesset authorized the new government and Shimon

Peres and his fellow former ministers left their seats to move to the opposition's side of the plenum. The voting was done by raised hands, since the electronic voting system had not yet been adjusted to the new names and places.

Not only the electronic system needs to be adjusted to the new situation. Newly elected Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan left the platform after being sworn in and returned to the seat he had just left, forgetting he now has to sit with the government on the front benches

There was much handshaking even by unexpected couples, such as Peres and Science Minister Ze'ev Begin and even Netanyahu and Justice Minister Dan Meridor, who also felt slighted by the pre-mier's coalition-building efforts. One seat was very obviously

empty: the place being kept for Sharon, who sat out the ceremony at his farm in the Negev.

Just after temporary Speaker Rehavam Ze'evi, apparently relishing every moment in the job, announced another break to discuss the new post for Levy, Liba'i declared more talks unnecessary and Levy unceremoniously was rushed to the platform to pledge allegiance, as if the Knesset feared any more time out could make him change his mind.

Earlier, when Netanyahu said he would hold the Construction and Housing, Religious Affairs, and Foreign Affairs portfolios in addition to being premier, the plenum was momentarily stunned into silence. The background talk then resumed louder than ever as



President Ezer Weizmau receives Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his cabinet last night at Beit Hanassi.

nearly all those in the full plenum and visitors' gallery checked that they had heard properly.

The announcement came as a complete shock even to senior coalition members Rafael Eitan of Tsomet and National Religious Party leader Zevulun Hammer. Talk in the Knesset corridors

Even at the stormy Liked faction meeting there had been no sign that David Levy would link his acceptance of a ministerial post with Sharon's future.

Netanyahu gave no warning he was about to drop a political and cafeteria before the debate

had focused on whether Ariel

bombshell as he calmly read out his address before announcing the Sharon and Dan Meridor would be offered acceptable portfolios.

This will be a government which will lead the State of Israel on a new course," said Netanyahu. "Our promise is this will be a government of renewal and a new direction, not a cosmetic change, but fundamental change which will take the country towards realizing its goals in the 21st century."

The first change would be in the approach to security and the road to peace. "We can reach peace with our neighbors. It's not a simple task, but it's achievable. We want a stable and sustainable peace that will endure for our children and grandchildren, and not

just for tomorrow's newspaper,"

Addressing the Arab states, Netanyahu turned to "particularly [our] close neighbors, Syrian President Hafez Assad, Lebanese Pres-

ident Elias Hrawi, Saudi King

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The cabinet

FOLLOWING is the Netanyahu cabinet: 1. Prime Minister, Construction and Housing Minister, Religiou 2. Foreign Minister.	ıs Affairs Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (Likud)
3. Defense Minister	Yitzhak Morriechal (Likyri)
3 Defense Minister 4 Finance Minister	Dan Meridor () ikud)
5. Justice Minister	Ya'acov Na'eman (Independent)
6. Internal Security Minister	Aviodor Kahalani (The Third Way)
Internal Security Minister. Education, Culture, and Arts Minister	Zevulun Hammer (National Religious Party)
8. Agriculture and Environment Minister 9. Labor and Social Affairs Minister 10. Interior Minister	Rafael Eitan (Tsomet)
9. Labor and Social Affairs Minister	Eli Yishai (Shas)
10. Interior Minister	Ell Suissa (Shas)
11. Transport, Energy, and Infrastructure Minister	Yitzhak Levy (NRP)
12 Industry and Trade Minister	Natan Sharaneku (Vierael Ra'elius)
13. Immigration and Absorption Minister	
14. Tourism Minister	Moshe Katsav (Likid)
15. Communications Minister	Limor Livnat (Likad)
16. Health Minister	Tzahi Hanegbi (Likud)
17. Science and Technology Minister	Ze'ev Begin (Likud)
Deputy Prime Ministers: David Levy, Mc	oshe Katsav, Rafael Eitan, Zevulun Hammer.

You'll also walk with Arafat. Peres tells Netanyahu

"I'M not ashamed of having gone with [Yasser] Arafat. You'll also go with Arafat if you walk on the road to peace," former prime minister Shimon Peres told Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday from the Knesset rostrum.

Peres responded in fighting spirit, getting used to his new role as head of the opposition. At times his voice broke with emotion, until acting Speaker Rehavam Ze'evi suggested he drink some water.

"If the new government goes in the right direction, we'll support it. If not, we'll criticize it. That's the nature of democracy, and that's our task according to the voters' will," Peres said.

He stressed that the people are divided -"1,471,566 citizens, nearly half the electorate, wanted a different outcome" - and he attacked Netanyahu for his campaign that claimed Peres would divide Jerusalem, calling it "a faise libel." "I'm afraid my friend the prime minister will

quickly discover that the platform on which he was elected cannot serve as the right recipe for the successful progress of the peace process. You will have to disappoint many of your voters and partners if you want to achieve results. Nice slogans are no substitute for policy, and coalition formulas won't avert the need for bold and difficult decisions,"

He said the government's guidelines are full of contradictions, and reminded Netanyahu that international agreements have to be honored. He also called for the IDF to redeploy in Hebron as promised.

He described Israel's progress in foreign and do-mestic policy but added: "These achievements are not to be take for granted. They are the fruits of good policy. And they are likely to be the victims of bad

Peres also called for unity and a better level of political discourse in the Knesset.

AS of midnight last night, it was still not clear whether MK Ariel Sharon had accepted the notion of becoming minister of national infrastructure - a new creation custom-tailored for

him by Foreign Minister David Levy. The messages from Sharon's ranch were contradictory, but the last of them said he was "considering the offer." He neither accepted it in principle nor rejected it outright.

Around Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy, however, there was an air of buoyant optimism that the most bizarre government cliffhanger ever was actually near resolution, and that the new Netanyahu cabinet would in a few days number 18 ministers.

The expectation in the Likud was that Sharon would be sworn some time next week, as soon as the National Religious Party and United Torah Judaism yield portions of their newly won domains so that the new ministry can be formed.

Sharon sulked all day at his ranch after he

was denied a day earlier the Housing portfo-

lio, which he had only reluctantly agreed to

Netanyahu's right-hand man, Avigdor Lieberman, was at first quite willing to see Sharon out of the government, perhaps not fully assessing the commotion and resentment this

would create inside the Likud. Early yesterday, sources close to Netanyahu suggested that if Sharon wanted to be in the government, he should lobby for the Housing portfolio with the UTJ, to which it had been handed

instead of Sharon. The attitude changed gradually during the day, but things reached a dramatic turn literally minutes before the beginning of the Knesset session at which the new government was to be presented.

Levy informed Netanyahu that if Sharon were kept out of the government, then he, too, would stay out. "I will not be a member in a government which does not represent all the forces which brought about its creation. It is inconceivable that we have a government without Arik. There is an aspect of personal loyalty which transcends politics, though we are dealing with a man who can contribute so much, who has given of himself with dedication all of his life and who did so much to achieve the electoral victory."

Levy escalated his brinkmanship maneuver by announcing that his five-man Gesher faction would not support the government, and Tsomet's Moshe Peled was willing to do

Pulling his own brinkmanship stunt, Netanyahu presented a government without Levy. Meanwhile, hectic contacts were under way to make Sharon's co-option to the govern-

ment possible after all. Levy's rich parliamentary experience, forged in countless coalition crises over the past two decades, came into play as he initiated and oversaw the solution. It entailed "creating a new ministry cut to fit Sharon's measurements," as Levy

quipped. He said he made "sure that this would not be a ministry in name only, but that a substantive portfolio would be carved from spheres of influence that would be gathered from several other ministries to enable Arik to put his boundless energy to constructive use. I was a Housing minister, and I can attest that what we are creating is a ministry weightier by far than Housing.

If he accepts and the coalition partners do not put up too great a resistance, then Sharon would be put in charge of all oil, gas, and other energy resources, the water and electricity systems, airport construction and planning, sea ports, rural development and road building everywhere, including the construction of highway bypasses in the territories.

Also included would be the military indus-(Continued on Page 2)

Clinton: Assad is brilliant, but he may have lost his chance to get back the Golan

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad is brilliant, but he may have miscalculated and lost his chance to recover the Golan Heights. This assessment came from US President Bill Clinton in a private White House meeting of a half dozen or so business and civic leaders on Monday.

According to a participant at the 90-minute session - which touched on a wide range of issues ranging from Whitewater to the Russian elections - about a third of the time was devoted to Clinton's thoughts on the Middle East.

On the topic of Syria, the participant quoted Clinton as saving: "Of all the Middle East leaders that I have met, I don't think anyone is smarter - as far as IQ is concerned - than President Assad. The man is brilliant. But I can tell you that, during the last three and a half years, nobody has wasted such an IO on such small issues. Dur-

ing the last three and a half years, he has missed critical opportunities which may never

again reappear."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher is arriving here, apparently on Tuesday, for talks with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, which are to include a possible revival of the moribund Syrian track. While originaily the trip was scheduled to be devoted just to Israel, it now appears Christopher will also visit Egypt and Jordan; it remains unclear whether he will visit Syria. The meeting in Egypt seems to be a courtesy

call, since it comes on the heels of the Arab summit in Cairo. During Monday's meeting. Clinton also said he could work well with Netanyahu and would not impose an American peace policy. The participant cited Clinton as saying: "Bibi is no stranger to me. I am sure sure we will get along with him just fine. He can't pretend what happened during the last three and a half years (in the peace process did not happen, although he may have different

approaches." Clinton said he would not press Israel to accept America 1 policies. "The US is not going to coordinate Israeli foreign poli cy. The US can be a facilitator but it cannot force its view if it i not felt justified by the people o Israel.`

Regarding the upcomin, Arab summit, Clinton said Egyptian President Mubaral sees himself as "the unifier o the Arab world." Recalling his recent phone conversation with Mubarak, Clinton said, "I told Mubarak that he has to be careful not to be a unifier in a negative way, which may prejudge

Israel's new government. I said to him. 'Let's not get too much out in front of Mr. Netanyahu by prejudging him.

Putting forward Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat's view of the Israeli elections, Clinton declared "Arafat was basically of the position: Hamas had won. Netanyahu's election was a victory for those whose strategy was to undermine the peace process. Those groups, in the end, were

victorious.' Among those at the White House meeting, which is part of Clinton's periodic dialogue with people across the societal spectrum, were attorneys Lynn Cutler, David Ross, and Marvin Rosen, businessmen Bill Appelbaum, John Hyman, and Michael Segal, fashion designer Kenneth Cole, and Rabbis Marvin Hier and Abraham Cooper of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Peres: I'll continue to lead Labor

Former prime minister Shimon Peres told the Labor faction yesterday he intends to continue leading the party, and called on party members to refrain from blaming each other for the election failure.

"I personally will in no way be one of those who jumps ship." he said. "Not that I'm looking for a great deal, but it's my duty. like the duty of all of us Ito stay on]. The people judged and decided. The situation is difficult, [but] I will do my utmost to preserve unity in the ranks and [maintain] organized activities, because these will be four difficult years," he said. He criticized the direct

election system for causing "a frightening rift" in the country.



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dividing it on non-political lines. He said the system had given more power to the smaller parties while weakening the major parties.

Although the law was meant to give more power to the prime minister, in effect the premier has to make more concessions in difficult political maneuvering, he said. Peres also said he is worried about the Knesset's standing.

"I must admit that the agenda we expected hefore the. elections is not the one we're facing after the election. I have to admit I never thought the central issue on the agenda would be the democratic structure of the country.'

Peres also touched on the diplomatic and political challenges, saying the country faces four difficult years both internally and regarding foreign

"The peace process is not a

rhetorical process," he said. "It's a process of controversial decision making. I don't think that by a making a few speeches you can make a peace process. There is a lot of engineering and welding work in difficult

The faction meeting was called to plan the party's work in the Knesset as the largest opposition faction, and to choose the heads for Knesset committees. The discussions on the internal party matters were closed to the media.

It was apparently decided to establish a committee which would nominate the heads of the Knesset committees allocated to Labor. As far as possible, the positions are to be rotated after two years to give a larger number of MKs a chance to hold the posts. No decision was made on who will chair the faction. The present incumbent, Ra'anan Cohen, is expected to be one of the candidates together with Yossi Beilin.

UN ends arms embargo on former Yugoslavia

THE international arms embargo against the states of former Yugoslavia has been lifted, the president of the UN Security Council said last night._

"All provisions of the embargo and deliveries of weapons ... have been terminated," Security Council President Nabil Elaraby announced. He said the lifting was part of an agreement to reduce arms in the Balkan region. Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

The UN imposed the embargo in September 1991 to curb fighting which erupted as Yugoslavia began to disintegrate.

For Israel, the lifting of the embargo could free an outstanding defense contract with Slovenia. Reports from Balkan sources said Slovenia had agreed last year to buy a \$100

million communication system from an unspecified Israeli defense company once the embar-

go was lifted. In Ljubljana, Slovenian Defense Minister Jelko Kacin said the lifting of the embargo would "annul an unjust and impossible situation" for his country, the first state to secede from Yugo-

slavia. It has not been involved in the Bosnian. Serb, and Croatian conflicts, and has joined NATO's Partnership for Peace.

The Moslem-led government in Bosnia, which declared independence in 1992, had long complained the embargo denied it the right to defend itself against Bosnian Serbs, who received weapons surreptitiously from Serbia.

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High Court to hear petition against Ne'eman

THE High Court of Justice will today hear a perition against the appointment of attorney Ya'acov

Ne eman as justice minister. The petition, filed yesterday by Globes journalist Yoav Yitzhak, alleges that Ne'eman committed a variety of criminal acts, and is therefore not fit to be a minister.

However, none of the affairs mentioned in the petition ever resulted in an indictment, or even in a criminal investigation.

According to Israel Radio, Ne'eman responded to the petition by lashing out at the State Attorney's Office, charging it with leaking information to the press to prevent the appointment of an observant Jew as justice

However, five of the six affairs cited in the petition have been public knowledge for years. The sixth is related to a document submitted in the ongoing trial of Shas leader Aryeh Deri two days ago, but the timing appears to have been purely coincidental: The witness to whom the document relates is testifying in London, and the date for his testimony was set long before Ne'eman's appointment was even rumored. The incidents cited by Yitzhak

are as follows: The Bejski Commission found that Ne'eman was partially responsible for the 1983 bank shares collapse, having served as director-general of the Finance Ministry from 1979-81. However, the committee's only 1979-81.

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recommendation against him was that had he still been in his post, he should have been fired. No criminal charges were brought

against him. · After the bus No. 300 affair, in which the General Security Service killed two captured terrorists and then lied about it, Ne'eman helped arranged blanket pardons for those responsible before they were indicted. His actions were sharply criticized by jurists at the time, but again, no criminal complaint was filed

against him.
• In 1987, Ne'eman served as temporary liquidator of the Kochav Hashomron company. According to Yitzhak, he prepared a draft report in which he said four managers appeared to have stolen \$5.3 million from the company. Under threat of this report, the managers paid \$3 million to the company, out of which Ne'eman's \$803,000 fee was paid.

Afterwards, Ne'eman submitted a final report which cleared the managers of all blame. Yitzhak charged that either Ne'eman wrote a false draft to pressure the managers into paying, or he wrote a false final report to reward them for enabling him to collect his fee. There has never been a criminal investigation into the affair.

 Ne'eman and Dov Weisglass represented former Bank Mizrahi managing director Aharon Meir in a slander suit against Yitzhak. The

suit ended in what Yitzhak claims was a fraudulent arbitration agreement. On the basis of this agreement, Ne'eman and Weisglass obtained a refund of the NIS 25,000 court fee. In 1994, the High Court upheld Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision not to open criminal proceedings for fraud against Ne'eman

and Weisglass. · Ne'eman was involved in the liquidation proceedings against Avraham Shapira's Carmel Carpets company as attorney for one of the creditors. According to Yitzhak, questions arose as to whether the supposed creditor, MAT Investment Corp., was not just a front for Shapira.

Another theory allegedly considered by the liquidators was that MAT was legitimate, but that Ne'eman in a clear conflict of interest, had represented MAT and Shapira simultaneously.

The petition also charged that Ne'eman had refused to answer the liquidators' questions until threatened with a court summons. To date, however, the liquidators have not requested the opening of a criminal investigation against

According to a police memoran-dum submitted in the Deri trial on Monday, British witness Martin Brown told the police that Ne'eman had told him not to cooperate with them. Ne'eman denies this, and Brown has refused to confirm the police



Shimon Peres addresses the Knesset yesterday in his final speech as prime minister.

Likud MKs upset at choice of Ovadia Eli as Speaker

EVEN though Binyamin Netanyahu won the elections, the Likud MKs at yesterday's faction meeting looked miserable, and when faction chairman Moshe Katsav told them Netanyahu had asked to postpone the vote on electing a new Speaker, many vented their obvious anger

on the messenger.
Pini Badash, Meir Sheetrit, Yehoshua Matza, and David Magen all attacked at once, demanding to know the reason for the delay. Katsav refused to respond in the presence of journalists, but the furor apparently stemmed from the fact that Netanyahu is trying to pass the Norwegian Law obliging ministers to resign as MKs. This would allow his preferred candidate, Ovadia Eli, to come into the Knesset to assume the post. It was decided to postpone the vote until Monday. Dan Tichon has reportedly withdrawn his LIAT COLLINS

candidacy to protest the coalition-building process as handled by Netanyahu. Naomi Blumenthal is gathering more outside support, while Eliahu Ben-Elissar said he would wait and see what happens.

While the Likud MKs anxiously vied for

the Speaker's chair, the temporary holder of the post tried to get out of it. According to tradition, the oldest MK holds the post of Speaker until a new one is appointed. Shimon Peres, at 72, is the oldest MK, followed by Rehavam Ze'evi. As long as he was prime minister, Peres could not be Speaker, but as soon as the new government is endorsed, he has no valid reason for breaking the tradition. although he is reportedly trying to find a way around it and is reluctant to serve as Sp even temporarily.

ven temporarily.

Labor MKs are interested in Peacs or some other member of their party, holding Speaker's seat as long as possible, as from post he could seriously hamper the passage in the Norwegian Law and other legislation for coalition proposes. This is another reason the Likud MKs are anxious to make the appointment from among their rolls and not want for the possible addition of Eli.

Likud MKs are also worned about who willchair the prestigious Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. Ze ev Begin was mooted. for the post, as was Uzi Landau. Landau said he would defer to Begin and not run against him. However, once Begin accepted a ministerial post, the field was open. Ben-Elissar is also interested in the position.

Vilna'i: IDF may not be prepared for conventional war with Syria

DEPUTY Chief of Staff Matan Vilna'i has expresses concern about the lack of training by Israeli combat troops for a possible conventional war with Syria.

In an interview to be published today in the London-based Jane's Defence Weekly, Vilna'i noted that while the emphasis in IDF planning was moving toward anni-4 terrorism and "over-the-horizon" operations, the danger of a conventional was with Syria could not be discounted.

"The Syrian Army has some special forces in Lebanon and some bridges on the Golan Heights border," he said. "Except for these units, all of their army is sitting in their barracks and train-

ing all the time. "My concern is that at the same time, most IDF combat troops spend less time training for conventional war, being occupied with anti-terrorist and other duties

as they are." Israel, he said, "must be ready to fight the next major conventional war," adding that the absence of a **DOUGLAS DAVIS** LONDON

peace agreement with Syria meant that "we need to maintain and modernize our armored forma-

tions, our jets and our navy." Vilna'i pointed out that in addition to the threat of terrorism and the possibility of a conventional war with Syria, Israel was also preparing for the potential threat posed by Iran and Libya, which had acquired weapons of mass

"We have to be able to counter those as well," he said. "That requires new, over-the-horizon capabilities."

Vilna'i, according to Jane's, was referring to the 25 F-151 longrange strike aircraft which Israel will receive next year, as well as its Dolphin-class submarines and Eilat-class missile corvettes, which could be deployed off the Libyan coast, if necessary.

The big difficulty in having to plan for these three operational environments is that quite often a

decision which is very good for the fight against terrorism will be bad for the other requirements," said Vilna'i.

"So, when we spend \$2 billion on the F-15Is, we also have to take into account what's needed elsewhere. You need the new Merkava tank to fight the next war, and other equipment to prevent terrorism attacks.

The trouble is that a half-softition is not good. You must have the full answer for each environ-

Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivri acknowledged that Israel maintains "a number of Jericho ballistic missiles, but declined to provide details about this capacity. "As long as there is no complete peace," he said, "we should still keep some of our capabilities unexposed."

According to a recent issue of Jane's World Air Force, however, Israel has three Jericho-equipped missile squadrons based near Sderot Micha, 45 kilometers southeast of Tel Aviv.

US calls Netanyahu statements 'positive'

WASHINGTON

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's call to hold negotiations with Arab partners without preconditions is "an important statement, State Department tant step forward, a very good spokesman Nicholas Burns said indication of the health of Israel's

"Mr. Netanyahu has said he's interested in negotiations. That's positive. He's said that those negotiations would not have preconditions attached to them. That's also positive."

Burns said the administration congratulates Netanyahu on forming his government, adding that it represents "a very impor-

democracy."____ "He has made an important statement in the Knesset [Tuesday] morning, which was also reflected in a position paper put out two days ago by his govemment, by his coalition, and that e no preconditions for talks. That's a very important statement," he told

Burns said Neranyahu's plat-form does not deal a "fatall blow" to the peace process. "Now, I think we have to under-

stand where he's been. He was elected. He's gone through a transitional period. He's now just taking office... And it's really now up to Israel, to the Palestinian Syria and the others to talk to each other about the positions that each of them will take on these various

Burns again urged the Arab League, which will meet in Cairo this Friday to discuss Netanyahu's ascension, to demonstrate "a willingness... to work on a cooperative basis with the new government in Israel, not to pre-judge that government on what was said or perhaps what was not said during the campaign."

Burns said the US, by virtue of its involvement in the peace position on israeli settlements. which he said is "long-standing" and has not changed.

Syria: Netanyahu bringing racists into cabinet

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syria lambasted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday for bringing "rabbis, racists and generals" bent on war in the Middle East into his new government. Official Syrian newspapers said Netanyahu was

killing Middle East peace. The new Israeli government is dominated by rabbis, racists, generals and those who massacred Arabs, displaced them and called for destroying the peace process in the region," said the Tishreen Arabic daily.

"Netanyahu's [policy] program starts with the title 'destruction of the basis of peace', then how to draw the region to tragedies, disasters, killings and destruction, how to bury the Arab land rights and threaten their existence," added Tishreen.

"He wants to establish Greater Israel through settlements, more immigrants, terrorism and wars.... Arabs leaders, set to hold a weekend summit in Cairo to discuss the impact of his election on Arab-Israeli peace, had the right to take any measures to protect their "existence and preserve their rights,"

wrote al-Baath, the newspaper of the ruling party. "Arabs would make everybody understand that they are not an easy prey... the battle between Arabs and their enemies this time is a battle of self-deter-

to investigate 'Ha'aretz' ad THE authors of an advertisement that indirectly accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of responsibility for the murder of former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin should be investigated for criminal incitement. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer (NRP)

General Michael Ben-Yair. The advertisement, which appeared yesterday on the front page of Ha'aretz, was published by a group called "We Will Not

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Fahd, and other Arab leaders. Let's

have direct negotiations for peace,

negotiations which will take the

Middle East into an age of stability

and prosperity. Direct negotiations

without preconditions. That's the

demanded in a letter to Attorney-

Hammer calls on Ben-Yair

Forget." It consisted of a passage from Kings I (chapter 21), which describes how King Ahab obtained a vineyard from a man who did not want to sell it: Queen Jezebel persuaded two men to swear falsely that the owner, Naboth, had committed a capital crime, and after he was executed, Ahab took possession of the vineyard. In response, God sends

"And thou shalt speak unto [Ahab], saying: Thus sayeth the Lord: Hast thou killed and also taken possession?" the passage concludes.

The advertisement then added: This was placed as a painful reminder to the public and to those who take God's name in vain ... the murder of Yitzhak Rabin."

Hammer promptly asked Ben-Yair to investigate the sponsors on charges of criminal incitement.

"In my opinion, the strong wording of the advertisement constitutes a terrible and wide-ranging accusation against the prime minister and against a majority of the nation, which voted him into this office," Hammer wrote. "This advertisement represents an upon the swearing in of a new gov-emment in Israel, 230 days after ment and the democratic process · in Israel."

PLO: Netanyahu trying to escape peace process

PLO officials yesterday rejected statements by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks as "an attempt to escape

Presenting his new government for approval in the Knesset, Netanyahu said: "The Israeli govemment will negotiate with the Palestinian Authority on the condition that it meets all its commit-

The PLO officials noted that in referring to other Arab parties -Syria, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia - Netanyahu declared that Israel sought "negotiations without pre-

"We've fulfilled our commitments, why doesn't he fulfill his commitments?" said Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala), speaker of the

Palestinian Council. "These are just allegations to escape from the peace process," said Hassan Asfour, head of the PA's Negotiations Department.

"Israel has nothing to demand." Qreia said Israel had a long list of unfulfilled commitments, such as a "safe passageway" from Gaza to the West Bank, troop redeployment in Hebron, release of Palestinian prisoners, and expansion of self-rule zones in the West

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mean that the Energy portfolio given to the NRP's Yitzhak Levy along with Transportation would be usurped entirely, as would chunks of the Transportation portfolio.

demeaned with such paltry offerings," he insisted. "This is not good enough for him. He deserves much more. This is an insult to him."

Netanyahu insiders, however, argued last night that both the NRP and UTJ got far more than they could have hoped for, and that Netanyahu will not shrink from confronting them now. It was believed that they have no choice but to give in, and that Netanyahu has no choice but to get Sharon into his government or incur the unforgiving wrath of an

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incensed Likud.

For his part, Sharon demanded all the details in writing, despite a long phone conversation with Netanyahu. Word from his home last night was that many details remain unclear, and that he was

'studying the offer." Likud insiders watched with interest the ardent revival of the long-dormant Sharon-Levy alliance. It was suggested that Levy took a page out of the Dan Meridor and Ze'ev Begin book. By sticking together, the two managed to force Netanyahu to give in several hours before Levy walked out in solidarity with the

beleaguered Sharon. Begin announced that he would not enter the government if Meridor does not get an acceptable offer. After Meridor finalized his deal yesterday for the Finance Ministry, it was Begin's turn to negotiate. He agreed to the Science and Technology portfolio, but insisted on membership in the security cabinet. He was at first refused, and Meridor announced that if Begin were out, he would not be in either. Faced with this united front, Netanyahu agreed to expand the cabinet to admit Begin.

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key. No preconditions. We have no conflict with Islam, we have a struggle with the militant forces who use a warped interpretation of Islam as a tool for bloodshed," he continued, calling for deeper relations with Egypt, Jordan, and other Arab and non-Arab states which have diplomatic ties with Israel.

Elijah the Prophet to curse Ahab.

"Our relations with the US will continue to be a cornerstone of our foreign policy," he said.

Netanyahu sent a message to the Palestinian Authority as well. "On the basis of preserving security we are willing to develop with you a true partnership for peace, good neighborly relations, and cooperation."

He promised the IDF would be given freedom to operate against terror. "Anyone dealing with terror must know they will meet a heavy response. I don't mean just the terrorists themselves, but also their patrons, operators, and abettors."

Netanyahu said security is essential to make progress in the final arrangements and called on the Palestinian Authority to abide by all agreements.

"I believe the final arrangements will be sustainable if a balance is reached between two basic

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needs: minimal Israeli intervention in Palestinian lives and maximum security for Israel against

terror and the threat of war. The lack of security is what causes closures, economic suffocation, and paralysis. With security we can create free movement, an open economy, and welfare for

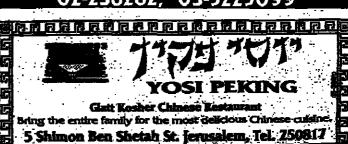
Netanyahu also emphasized the need for a free economy and privatization as a means of improving social welfare at home and the continued absorption of immigrants.

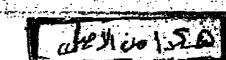
"Without a free economy we cannot utilize the tremendous human potential we have, which received a valuable boost in quality and quantity with the immigration of recent years." He also said the government

would encourage seniement throughout Israel, Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. The plenum session was also marked by a dispute over how

many deputy premiers Netanyahu can appoint. After the Knesset session the cabinet members attended a reception at Beit Hanassi.







The funeral of MYRA KATZEFF 5"?

will take place today, June 19, at the Yarkon Cemetery, Tel Aviv, at 11 a.m. Please meet at the entrance. Deeply mourned by family and friends.

tries and the railways. This would

Mild-mannered Yitzhak Levy said he had not been consulted or informed of any changes. The UTT's Meir Porush, who will be in charge of Housing as a deputy minister with exclusive ministerial control, however, balked openly, and said he would not yield the Public Works Department nor the

Rural Development Division. "Arik is too great a man to be

Sderot mayor: Find 'lenient' burial for child accident victim

SDEROT Mayor David Bouskila yesterday appealed to the chief rabbis to find a "lenient solution" to the issue of a toddler, killed in a traffic accident on Sunday, who was buried outside the local cemetery because he was not

Nineteen-month-old Bahadana was killed when a car struck by a semitrailer crashed into his stroller. The car also seriously injured the child's five-year-old brother and lightly injured their mother.

Also killed in the crash were Perla Alkabetz. 60, and her neighbor, Esther Shetreet, 61, both of Sderot, and Esther Alkabetz, 64, and her brother, Shlomo Alkabetz, both of Ashdod. Police said the car in which the four were riding had failed to halt at a stop sign when it was hit by the truck. The car's driver, Jacques Alkabetz, was lightly injured.

According to an eyewitness quoted by Yedior Aharonot, the child's funeral was attended by hundreds of local residents. Bouskila had delivered a eulogy and the funeral procession was approaching the grave site, when sudden-

ly an argument broke out and the burial society workers headed for an area beyond the cemetery wall,

Sderot Rabbi David Bar-Hen was quoted as saying he had been obliged to bury the child outside the cemetery, since the mother was not Jewish and thus the boy was also not Jewish according to Halacha, even though he was circurncised. Bar-Hen was also quoted as saying there are many such non-Jews in Sderot and it might be necessary to provide a special ceme-

tery for them.
"That's the Halacha and that's why they appointed me here as rabbi, to watch over the Jews. All in all, we acted absolutely correctly,"

However, Bouskila said yesterday that even though he could not interfere in Halacha, he hopes there would be some way to act more leniently in the tragic situation of the death of a child who was a year and seven months old.

"There are two problems, the halachic one

and the human one. I can't interfere in Halacha, but I say as a human being that they should have acted more leniently. It hurt me as a human being to see it happen," Bouskila

The Sderot mayor said he had sent telegrams to the two chief rabbis in an effort to get them to formulate some lenient solution to the issue. Gedalya Schreiber, director-general of the Chief Rabbinate, said yesterday he does not know what action, if any, the chief rabbis would take in the matter.

Meanwhile, both the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) and Hemdat, the Coalition for Religious and Scientific Freedom, yesterday issued a protest over the incident. Both groups are engaged in a struggle against concessions granted the religious parties so they would join the government coalition.

"The answer of the enlightened public in Israel is to put Rabbi Bar-Hen outside the wall of the community," said IRAC director Rabbi

Yigal Amir's lawyers looking for Avishai Raviv

THE defense lawyers of Yigal and Haggai Amir and Dror Adani are searching for former Eyal organization leader and GSS informer Avishai Raviv, who they want to appear as a defense witness in their trial, which will resume this morning in Tel Aviv District Court

Lawyers Moshe Meroz and Shmuel Fleishmann sent a messenger service yesterday with a summons ordering Raviv to appear, but the messengers could not find him at the address listed. His parents have apparently moved address, and as of last night Raviv had not been

The trial continues today with Yigal Amir continuing his testimony which started on Sunday. Amir, already sentenced to life plus six years for the murder of

SUPREME Court Justice Gavriel

Bach sharply criticized Bar Association secretary-general Shimon Ben-Ya'acov yesterday

for his failure to suspend himself

a second time from the committee

Ben-Ya'acov had suspended

himself between October 1994

and June 1995, under heavy pressure from the High Court of

Justice, while the police were

investigating a sexual harassment

complaint by his former secretary,

Orli Shimon. A year ago, Attorney-General Michael Ben-

Yair decided not to press charges,

on the grounds that sexual harass-

ment is not a crime, and Ben-Ya'acov then resumed his seat on

However, Shimon, who was last year persuaded to drop her peti-

tion against Ben-Ya'acov, recent-

ly asked Ben-Yair to reconsider

the appointments committee.

on appointing judges.

RAINE MARCUS

Yitzhak Rabin and the wounding of his bodyguard Yoram Rubin. is now being tried together with his brother and Adani on charges of conspiring to kill Rabin; to hurt Arabs and their property: and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. He has already said that he acted without the help or knowledge of Haggai and Adani, but mentioned that Avishai Raviv knew of his plot to kill Rabin.

Raviv, former leader of the extremist Eyal organization, was exposed as a GSS informer shortly after the assassination, and subsequently went underground.

According lawver Fleishmann, the GSS did not tell police that Raviv was an informer

Bar official upbraided for

not suspending himself

questioned following the murder. The investigating officer discovered that Raviv was a GSS informer from the press," said

Fleishmann. Rumors that Raviv has left the

country are reportedly untrue. Since he did not receive the order to appear for the defense, the court cannot issue a subpoena. If he or a family member over the age of 18 had received the order, but the witness failed to turn up, then a subpoena demanding he show up may be

Meanwhile if Raviv is not found, defense witnesses expected to testify this morning include Margalit Har-Shefi, who was arrested in connection with the murder plot but who has not yet been indicted, Haggai Amir and

A model of Swiss architect Mario Botta's design for Tel Aviv University's first synagogue.

Swiss architect designs TAU's first synagogue

TEL AVIV University, which claims to have "the world's largest Jewish student body," is to receive its first synagogue. The house of worship, as well as a cultural center, will be part of a complex designed by Swiss architect Mario Botta, who arrived Monday to present detailed plans of the project.

Botta is known worldwide, especially for his design of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, but also for other recent projects, including the Evry

Cathedral in France, and the Art Gallery in Tokyo. This is the first synagogue he has designed and A third of

"The two main spaces, one dedi-cated to prayer and the other to discussions, are two aspects of the students' need to meet," Botta said. Thus the project will have twin towers, each with a square base and walls that transform themselves at the ceiling into a circle. Natural light will flood the interior

his first building in Israel.

roof and circular perimeter. The identical shape of the two parts symbolizes "the double offer of both a religious and secular

visit here.

activities" of the modern person, Botta is fond of equating the quintessential cultural structure the museum - with a house of worship. "Both provide spaces for moments of quiet, to enable us to confront the whirlpool of change the modern world has wrought," from four arched skylights resulthe said in January, during his first ing from the meeting of the square

space for the spiritual and cultural

The center is to be a place for learning and debate, aimed at fos-

tering discussion and bridging the ular sectors. "We cannot and never should underestimate the difficulties of resolving the issue of how to build a pluralistic democracy, while recognizing the validity of, and intensity of, some of its members' religious beliefs,"

The Rabin assassination, like nothing else in Israeli history, has shown us the dangers of secular and religious polarization and of lack of communication in this society," said Cymbalista.

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while under investigation **EVELYN GORDON**

his decision, charging that the investigation had been flawed. For instance, she said, the police never questioned other women with similar complaints against Ben-Ya'acov. Ben-Yair agreed to have the police renew the investigation, and Shimon then repetitioned the court, asking that Ben-Ya'acov once again suspend him-

self from the committee. At a hearing yesterday, government attorney Osnat Mandel said the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office would make a final decision in about a month, but it seemed likely that the case would once again be closed without charges. Ben-Ya'acov, therefore,

flatly refused to suspend himself. "Why should I let my honor be trampled in the streets?" he asked. "If she gets a court order [sus-

pending me], she gets more pub-licity. That's what she wants." Bach, however, sharply criticized this decision.

"I expected you [to suspend yourself] as a matter of course [while the investigation is open]," be said, noting that the committee on appointing judges must be above all suspicion of improper behavior. "We have to set an example.

Because the committee will not be meeting within the next month in any case, Bach refrained from ordering Ben-Ya'acov to suspend himself. In his decision, however, he wrote that he "did not reject the conceptual basis of the request," and said Shimon could resubmit her petition if the committee met before the district attorney's office made a final decision on the case, or if a decision was made to

Sheves: Weizman should have mentioned Rabin

IT'is a a national disgrace that President Ezer, Weizman, in his speech at the opening session of the word about the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Sheves, former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, said yesterday.

"The president... didn't say a word about the assassination or the incitement that preceded it, or about the man who led this country for three-and-a-half years after being democratically elected." Sheves told Army Radio. "That's a disgrace to the nation, to all its citizens, and to me as a citizen. I am ashamed that we have a president like this."

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Israelis have at least '386' PC

JUDY SIEGEL

THIRTY-FOUR percent of all Israeli homes have a personal computer with a processor of at least the 386 type, and a third of those PCs has a modern for computer communications over a phone line. This was disclosed by a Gallup-Israel survey conducted for Bezeq.

According to the poll, 10% of the PC owners who have no modern said they were certain they would buy one soon. In a survey of all PC users (at work and at home), it was found that half of the personal computers in the country have advanced 586 (Pentium) processors. Of all workplaces with at least three employees, 88% have at least one computer, 60% have a modern and 5% are sure they will purchase one.

Bezeq, which is most interested in the popularity of modems because they require use of its phone lines, found that 85% of those surveyed would hook up to the internet. Fully 43% of them would prefer "surfing" the Internet on a non-subscription basis. Bezeq announced on Monday that it intends to offer such a service soon through its Goldnet subsidiary. Modem owners were most interested in using their equipment to get on-line banking services.



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Russian President Boris Yeltsin shakes hands with Alexander Lebed after he named him secretary of the powerful Security Council and national security adviser. Lebed, who finished a strong third in the first round of the presidential elections, also takes over from defense minister Pavel Grachev, who was ousted from his post yesterday.

Yeltsin dumps Grachev to win Lebed's support

MOSCOW (Reuter) - President Boris Yeltsin, boosting his bid for re-election in a runoff vote, yesterday handed popular general Alexander Lebed top security posts and the head of his arch-foe -Defense Minister Pavel Grachev.

Within hours of the announcement, the tough-talking Lebed announced he had moved quickly to dampen unrest among some officers opposed to Grachev's dismissal. "There will be no upheaval," he told a news conference.

The Kremlin leader, hoping to snap up the 11 million votes Lebed picked up in the first round and thus beat Communist rival Gennady Zyuganov in a July runoff, named him secretary of the powerful Security Council and national secu-

The 65-year-old Yeltsin unceremoniously dumped the unpopular Pavel Grachev, his defense minister for four years, who had embarrassed him by bungling the Chechnya military campaign.
This was clearly further entice-

ment by Yeltsin to the tough-talking Lebed, 46, who fell out with Grachev last year and had publicly derided him as an incompetent durng his election campaign.
The charismatic Lebed, who cam-

paigned on a pledge to crack down on crime and root out corruption,

had a strong first-round showing with nearly 15 percent of the vote, behind Yeltsin's 35 percent and

Zyuganov's 32. This made him a kingmaker, cornering a huge vote badly sought after by the two frontrumers, ahead of the runoff.

Lebed, whose fierce demeanor belies his name which means "swan" in Russian, immediately sought to live up to his tough guy image at a news conference after his

He told reporters he had taken "concrete steps" to defuse opposi-tion to Grachev's dimissal among some of the top brass. He said the unrest had been "an attempt to put pressure" on Yeltsin but the danger had now passed. Lebed said he would exercise wider

powers than his predecessors in his twin roles, listing such issues as capital flight, environmental problems, Russia's dependence on food imports and the course of privatization.

Yeltsin named Mikhail Kolesnikov, head of the Russian General Staff, as acting defense minister. Speculation centred on general Boris Gromov, another old foe of Grachev, as possible full-time

Grachev's replacement will have implications for the Chechnya conflict, army reform and foreign poli-

Lebed, turning his back on any association with Zyuganov, said he was sure 80 percent of his voters

would follow him. Zyuganov, 51, who called on Lebed to unite with the communistled "national-patriotic" bloc, put a brave face on the maner and told reporters he hoped it was not too late for talks.

And other communist officials said Lebed had seriously compromised himself by doing a deal with Yeltsin. "Lebed is finished as a politician," the State Duma's communist chairman, Gennady Seleznyov, said.

There is no party or mass organization behind Lebed. He only has his name. His rise in the elections is a phenomenon which occurs once in three years," Seleznyov said.

Foreign investors bought strongly into Russian securities on news of the deal which they thought looked certain to buy four more years of reform. Russian stocks and bonds rose sharply after news of the deal between Yeltsin and Lebed. But the latest economic news brought no signs of the long-awaited turnaround. Gross domestic product in May declined by one percent from April and industrial output showed a

Amnesty: Arms dealers share blame for abuses

LONDON (Reuter) - The United States and other developed nations that train and supply foreign security forces bear "a heavy responsibility" when those forces oppress and torture their people. Amnesty International said in its

annual report released today. Amnesty focused criticism on the world's biggest weapons dealers: the United States, Britain, France, Germany. China and

"These countries ... bear a heavy responsibility when human rights abuses are committed by police security or military personnel whom they have supplied and assisted," the report said.

Sane, Amnesty Secretary-International's General, said arms producers

often try abdicate responsibility for atrocities "by claiming they are 'local affairs' over which they have no influence.

"But who is arming and training those committing the atrocities? he asked.

In the Middle East, both government and opposition forces involved in armed conflicts, especially in North Africa, caused appalling human rights abuses in 1995, Amnesty International said.

It cited cases of political detention without charge, unlawful executions and "disappearances", and said in its annual report that unfair trials were committed with almost total impunity and lack of

investigation by governments. "Armed opposition groups were an integral part of the Middle

Eastern political landscape, committing an increasing number of grave human rights abuses without any accountability," the group said in a statement.

"Torture and ill-treatment continued to be widespread through-

out the region." Amnesty said hundreds of people were executed without a trial by security forces and government-backed militias in Algeria and thousands of sympathizers of banned Islamic groups were held in detention without charge in

Egypt.
More than 20 journalists were also killed in Algeria, most by reportedly armed groups.

Our principal concern in Saudi Arabia is the number of beheadings and amputations which we

consider cruel and inhuman punishment," said Amnesty spokesman Mark Ogle, adding that the majority of victims were

foreign nationals.

An Egyptian, Mohammad Ali al Sayyid was sentenced to 4,000

lashes for burglary.
At least 192 people were executed in Saudi Arabia last year and 47 met a similar fate in Iran. Twenty-seven people, includ-

ing 15 women, were also sentenced to flogging in the United Arab Emirates and at least 14 people convicted of robbery in Yemen were sentenced to amputation.

Ogle also stressed Amnesty's concern about the "ill-treatment and execution of pro-democracy campaigners" in Bahrain.

Whitewater panel split on results of its findings

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate Whitewater Committee ended its work yesterday bitterly divided. Democrats concluded that President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton engaged in no wrongdoing, while majority Republicans leveled

scathing criticism at the first lady. "The American people deserve to know, and now can take comfort in knowing, that this yearlong investigation shows no misconduct or abuse of power by their president or first lady," the Democrats wrote in a dissenting report.

The venom with which the majority focuses its attack on Hillary Rodham Clinton is surprising, even in the context of the investigation," the Democrats added.

Republicans took a sharply different view. Their report concludes that the evidence suggests Mrs. Clinton likely was behind the disappearance of her billing records outlining her legal work for the failed Arkansas savings and loan that has been a central focus of the investigation.

The Republicans said Mrs. Clinton had a powerful motive to hide her billing records to cover up her work a decade ago on a fraudulent land development south of Little Rock called Castle Grande.

"The billing records and the evidence" from banking executive Don Denton "indicate that Mrs. Clinton either had knowledge of or consciously avoided the fact that the Castle Grande transactions potentially violated bank regulations," the Republicans wrote.

That knowledge provides a powerful motive to protect the billing records from careful scruti-

ny by investigators." Because Mrs. Clinton had ordered the destruction of other documents relating to Mrs. Clinton's representation of Madison (in the late 1980s) - the billing records were the only documentary evi-dence available which reflected the true extent of Mrs. Clinton's role with respect to the fraudulent

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Bosnian Moslem suspects plead innocent at war crimes tribunal

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THE HAGUE (AP) - Two Bosnian Moslems accused of torturing, murdering and raping Bosnian Serbs at a prison camp pleaded innocent before the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal vesterday.

Hasim Delic, 36, and Ensad Landzo, 23, were impassive as they walked into court. They are the first suspects surrendered to the UN tribunal by a signatory to the Dayton peace accords.

Bosnian Serbs held prisoner at the Moslem-nm Celebici camp in 1992 accuse them of multiple murders, torture and rape. Delic was reportedly deputy commander and Landzo a guard at the camp in cen-

Delic and Landzo are accused ofbeating an elderly man and nailing an SDA badge to his head before he died. SDA is the acronym for the Party of Democratic Action, the ruling Moslem party in Bosnia.

an inmate with a baseball bat and lengths of steel cable, then torturing him with pliers, lit fuses and nails. The victim died after days of abuse. Another prisoner, a woman, "suffered repeated incidents of forcible sexual intercourse."

The two were arrested in Bosnia last month by government authorities and transferred to the tribunal last week, in line with the Dayton requirements that governments extradite indicted war criminals found within their territory.

Unabomber

indicted

WASHINGTON (Reuter) -Theodore Kaczynski, a former mathematics professor turned recluse, was indicated yesterday for four separate bomb attacks that killed two persons and injured two others, the U.S. Justice Department

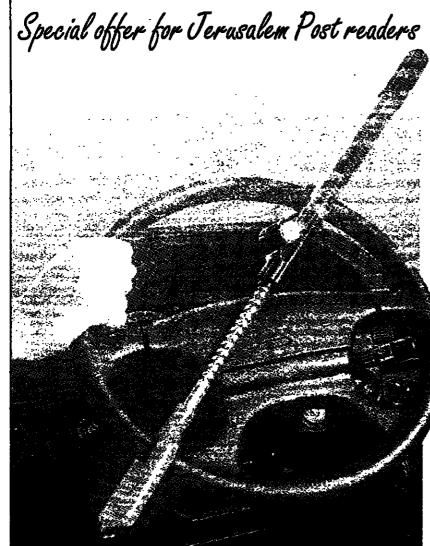
Justice Department prosecutors said a federal grand jury in Sacramento, California, returned a 10-count indictment against Kaczynski - the first charges against him for some of the Unabomber's 16 bombings between 1978 and

From the Sacramento federal courthouse to the county jail, preparations were under way yesterday for the expected indictment of Kaczynski in the city where two people were killed by package bombs blamed on the clusive serial bomber.

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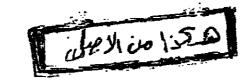
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Moroccan opposition maneuvers for power

OROCCO'S opposition parties have pounced on anti-government sentiment generated by last week's general strike by calling on King Hassan to carry out urgent political reforms and hold a parliamentary election.

Political analysts say the leftwing opposition parties are positioning themselves for a possible role in government after more than 30 years in the political

The four-party bloc known as the "Koutla" called on the king to speed up constitutional reforms at a news conference called after the general strike two weeks ago which they supported tacitly. The time has come for the

opposition to form a national gov-

Kuwait

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Gaddafi, questioning the Gulf

Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah said: "Kuwait

has not received an official

response from the Libyan govern-

His remarks were carried by the

state-rum Kuwait News Agency, which quoted a Libyan diplomat

as saying his country's diplomatic row with Kuwait was over.

Sheikh Sabab insisted that

KUNA had quoted Libya's

charge d'affaires, Idris Bou Dib, as saying the crisis over Gaddafi's

remarks was defused when Kuwait received "clarifications

from Libya" which "contained the

While on a visit to Egypt last month, Gaddafi said Kuwait was

unworthy of independence and

right. But what I say is that when

[Kuwait] is not capable of defending itself, why did it ever become independent?" the Libyan leader

Bou Dib had said the clarifica-tions given to Kuwaiii officials

clearly stressed the support for

the independence, sovereignty

and freedom of the state of

Kuwait." Libya also stressed its

Kuwait recalled its charge d'af-

faires from the Libyan capital for

consultations a few days after

Gaddafi made his remarks in a

meeting with Egyptian university

Khaled al-Jarrallah, the acting

undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry, told KUNA that Lîbya's

news media was "regrettably con-

tinuing a campaign ... against Kuwait and its people."

matic row between the two states

came only days before a pan-Arab

summit to be held in Cairo to

Sheikh Sabah, the Kuwaiti for-

Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh

Saad al-Abdulla al-Sabah will

lead his country's delegation to

Sheikh Saad will attend the

Western diplomats said they

believed Kuwaiti Emir, Sheikh

Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah, did not

want to attend the summit because

of continued tension with a num-

ber of Arab leaders since the 1990

Sheikh Jaber's participation. The

atmosphere is not right," said a

Oil-rich Kuwait reduced diplo-

matic ties with Jordan, Yemen,

Sudan, Mauritania, Tunisia and

There were doubts about

summit," said an official who did

not wish to be identified.

eign minister, said the dispute will

not be on the summit's agenda.

The reported end of the diplo-

teachers and students.

close Arab ranks.

the summit.

Gulf crisis.

diplomat

the Palestinians.

rejection of the Iraqi invasion,

When Iraq invaded Kuwait, America came to defend it and that is [Kuwait's] legal and lawful

statehood.

he added.

emirate's right to statehood.

ment about these remarks.

Kuwait was still dismayed.

UWAIT denied this week

it had received or accepted

Libyan clarifications of

ernment to solve Morocco's urgent social problems. This can only be done through fair and transparent elections, said veteran politician Ali Yata of the Socialist PPS party.

The opposition, which holds 125 seats in the 333-seat parliament, has previously said the last elections in 1993 were unfair.

The four leaders denied they wanted to reduce the powers of constitutional monarchy, under which the king appoints prime ministers, hires and fires other ministers, approves major policies and dissolves parliament.

"Our proposals do not touch the king's key role or other royal prerogatives," M'hamed Boucetta, leader of the old-guard Istiqlal

The king last year proposed a bicameral parliament and wider regional representation but has not said what powers each of the chambers would have.

Complaining of fatigue from his role of referee in politics, the 66year-old monarch said he was committed to the idea of "alternating" government, with the big parliamentary groups taking turns in running the country.

He said it was time to bring new

blood into politics after decades of uninterrupted right-wing rule.

Although invited by the king after the 1993 election to head a coalition government, the Koutla declined saying it preferred to wait until it had a democratic

majority.
The king's insistence on retain-

ing his Minister of Interior Driss Basri in a future cabinet led to deadlock in the talks.

The government is preparing new electoral lists and the Moroccan press says a referen-dum to reshape the Chamber of Representatives was likely to be held in September. This would be followed by local and parliamen-

An eight-page opposition mem-orandum containing suggested amendments to the constitution was was sent to the king in April. But its contents were leaked to the press, kicking off a public debate before expected consultations with the monarch.

"When we spent our memorandum to the palace, we wanted the reforms to follow consultations

"In it we stressed the need to reform the constitution and reinforce the powers of the prime minister as well as those of parlia-

The one-day general strike capped a series of stoppages which have hit virtually all sectors of the economy in the nation of 27 million, where roughly one fifth of the population lives below the poverty line, according to World Bank estimates.

The Koutla, set up in the early 1990s, was formed by the Istiqlal party, Socialist Union of People's Forces, the Progressive Socialist Party (ex-Communist), and the radical Organization of Demoeratic and Popular Action.

Washington approves Arab summit

PINHAŞ INBARI

THE Arab summit in Cairo. and the scheduled visit of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to Washington are essentially linked. Egypt is reminding the American administration of its regional power vis-àvis Israel, and also the usefulness to the Americans of this weekend's summit.

Until now Washington rarely encouraged all-embracing gatherings of Arab states. The propensity of radical Arab states to intimidate the moderate ones, especially those moving toward normalization of relations with Israel, is well-known.

Hence it was somewhat unusual to hear Washington welcoming the Egyptian initiative to convene the first such summit in six years, following the Israeli elections.

There is little doubt the Americans find some use in this summit, which will send an early message to the incoming Netanyahu government. But there may also be another aspect to the US's change in attitude to the idea of an Arab summit.

This would be linked to Iran's disapproval of the Cairo meeting. Immediately after Egypt announced it was calling the summit, Teheran declared its preference for an Islamic summit rather than an Arab summit, and scurried into anxious contacts with its main Arab ally, Syria.

Iran may suspect, and not without reason, that while Netanyahu's visit to Washington provided an appropriate timing for the Cairo meeting, the summit's main target is not the new government in Israel at all - but

From this perspective, the Cairo meeting can be seen as a confirmation of some of the Middle East policy benefits the US has accrued from the peace process. Here is a chance to crystallize the alliance between partners to that peace process - a bloc that is forming around the Israeli-Turkish alliance and joint maneuvers in the region between the US military and those of Jordan. Egypt, and the Gulf emirates.

Syria may look relieved at its assumption that American pressure on it to enter serious negotiations with Israel might stop because of the new "hawkish" government in Jerusalem.

But Egypt may have second thoughts about the urgency of advancing a peace process between Israel and Syria, because Cairo is now once again the leading force in the Arab world. Cairo's 17-year-old peace with Israel and its strong links with Washington make it a regional cornerstone.

Syria has been trying to impose its will on Arab states already at peace with Israel: It wants to force Jordan and the Gulf states to retreat from the normalization of relations with Israel.

As part of its "persuasive" tactics in the Gulf region, Syria even took a step that irritated its ally Iran. Damascus came out in support of the Gulf emirates' claims to islands occupied by Iran.

Well aware of these Syrian attempts, Washington has been making the necessary noises in advance of the summit to ensure it will not take decisions which would stop the drift toward nor-



Yasser Arafat is greeted by a welcoming committee at Beijing airport Monday as he begins his four-day visit there. The PA chairman is due to talk with Chinese officials regarding developments in the wake of the Israeli elections.

(Reuter)

Christopher: Iraq must let in UN inspectors

TS Secretary of State Wairen Christopher demanded this week that Iraq grant UN inspectors immediate access to sites suspected of harboring banned weapons.

Christopher, responding to the weekend departure of UN experts from Baghdad after they were refused access to three military sites, said the inspectors "must achieve immediate and unrestricted access to Iraqi facilities."

"Under the circumstances we can accept no less," he added. Christopher said at a briefing that he wanted to underscore a statement by the UN that there could be no preconditions for its

inspection teams. The Security Council said in a formal statement that it "rejected attempts by Iraq to impose condi-

WO Algerian courts sen-tenced 27 Moslem militants to death in absentia for

involvement in terrorist activities.

the official Algerian news agency

tions on the conduct of inspections." It said Iraq was violating the 1991 cease-fire that ended the Gulf War, under the terms of which Baghdad is obliged to rid itself of weapons of mass destruction and the means to produce

A senior UN arms official said he pulled his inspectors out of Iraq because he suspected any vital materials had been removed by now and he did not have enough staff to replace the experts.

Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN Special Commission in charge of nidding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, was leaving for Baghdad this week and would arrive today. He said he expected to report to the Security Council

Ekeus withdrew some 54 arms

on June 24.

inspectors over the weekend who were standing vigil around three sites in and around Baghdad after Iraqi authorities defied two Security Council directives and denied them the right to search the premises.

He said the leader of the team, Nikita Smidovich, a Russian ballistic missiles expert, brandished the council's directives and formally asked for admittance at each site on Saturday before the team left Baghdad on Sunday.

"He went to one place after another and repeated the liturgy," Ékeus said.

He said there was no sense keeping the team on longer because of the "high mobility" of materials they were seeking after the standoffs, which began last Tuesday. He said past experience showed

that "if you go to sites used for concealment, nothing is there. If you go back a week later, it may be packed with the stuff. Our inspections have a time focus."

"We also do not have the reserves," he said. His deputy, Charles Duelfer, an American, said the health of the team keeping vigil in intense heat

was also taken into considera-"What is troubling about the incident is what is bodes for monitoring in the future as these

inspections were for past prosize of the bomb. grams," he said. The explosion felt "like an earth-The denial of access does not bode well for monitoring in future if Iraq is now going to take a new position - to deny categories of

sites to our inspectors. That's a a "huge explosion." ... Igerian court sentences 27 militants to death

Terrorists strike Bahrain hotel

ERRORISM returned to Bahrain this week when a bomb-laden car exploded outside a downtown hotel and an anonymous caller said the blast was intended to pressure authorities to release political prisoners.

There were no casualties and slight damage. At least two fire engines rushed to the scene.

One of the owners of the Saudilicensed car said it "was damaged by a blast while it was parked but nobody was injured."

The Nissan vehicle was parked near a branch of the Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait, the Standard Chartered Bank and the Gulf Pearl Hotel. A police officer, who declined to give his name, said a bomb-rigged Nissan Patrol fourwheel-drive car with Saudi Arabian license plates exploded outside the

The officer had no details on the

quake," said a Pakistani businessman, who gave his name only as Noman. Two Saudi Arabians who had just checked into the International Hotel said they heard

Bahrain has been racked by 18 months of political violence by Shi'ite Moslem protesters demanding a return of a parliament dis-

solved two decades ago and greater job opportunities for Shi'ites. Almost simultaneously with the

latest blast, a news agency received a telephone call from a man who said, in Arabic-accented English: "Listen carefully. We have plant-

ed a bomb in the Bahrain International Hotel, If they don't release the 44 guys, we will destroy the whole of Bahrain."

Then he hung up, without giving his name or saying what group he may be affiliated with.

He was referring to 44 people arrested recently in connection with an alleged Iranian-backed plot to overthrow the ruling Al-Khalifa

The Bahraini government says the detainees confessed last month that they plotted to overthrow the government and detailed their links to Iran. Iran has denied the accusations, calling them totally baseless." A slight majority of Bahrain's 500,000 people are Shi'ites, many of Iranian origin, but the ruling family belongs to the mainstream Sunni Moslem sect.

Bahrain repeatedly has accused Teheran of being behind the Shi'ite-led wave of unrest that began in December 1994 in which 28 people have reportedly been killed. Iran has denied any involve-

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The court found them guilty of belonging to an armed group which "destroyed by setting ablaze state-owned companies with the aim of Algeria to avenge their sympathy for Iraq after its forces invaded Kuwait in August 1990. It also cut harming state security, for giving development aid to them and to support to terrorists and for not (Agencies) informing the authorities about

Britain, Qatar end

joint exercises

OATAR and Britain have concluded a four-day joint military exercise, the first since the two countries signed a defense pact two months ago.

Local newspapers said the air and naval maneuvers ended this

The English-language daily Peninsula said the British guided missile destroyer HMS York took part in the war games.

Qatar signed a defense agreement with Britain in April, part of a wider plan to modernize the Gulf state's armed forces. The agreement provides for

British military and technical assistance to Qatar as well as joint exercises.

The joint war games coincided with a visit by James Arbuthnot,

Britain's minister of state for procurement at the Defense Department. He met with highranking Qatari officials.

Last week, Qatar took delivery at a British shipyard of the strike craft Qens Huwar, the second of four such warships it ordered from Britain in the 1980s. The first, Qens Barzan, was

handed over to Qatar in May, and the other two will be ready over the next year. The 56-meter vessels are built

by Britain's Vosper Thornycroft, which also is training students from Qatar's royal navy. The vessels carry advanced

machinery and control systems and are capable of accepting a wide variety of weapons including missiles.

wanted persons," APS reported. The court also sentenced two other militants to life imprisonment, while seven others were sentenced to between one and 11 years in prison, APS said. The nine

A court in Medea, 70 km south of defendants were present in court. Algiers, condemned the 23 mili-In a separate trial, the court in tants this week at the end of a two Saida, 340 km southwest of Algiers, sentenced four militants to day trial, said APS quoting court death in absentia for belonging to an armed group, assassination attempts, arson and theft.

According to Algerian law, those

defendants sentenced to death while on the run are entitled to a retrial if they are captured or give themselves up.

The latest sentences brought to at

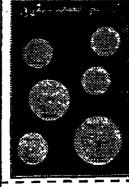
least 50 the number of Moslem militants sentenced to death, mostly in absentia, by the Medea court in the last two months.

Medea is a known terrorist stronghold where seven French monks were kidnapped from a monastery in the area in March. Their captors slit their throats and

dumped their bodies by a roadside

two months later.

More than 1,000 militants have been condemned to death, most of them in absentia, since 1993 when Algerian courts began trying people for Moslem fundamentalist activity. An estimated 50,000 people, most of them militants and security forces members, have been killed in Algeria's violence since authorities canceled a general election which radical Islamists



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A disappointing start

T was difficult to view yesterday's changing of the guard at the Knesset with any sense of Lelation. Neither the new government nor the opposition seemed able to live up to the solemnity and significance of the moment, and both seemed intent on exposing the least attractive aspects of Israeli politics: disunity, pettiness, empty rhetoric, and vindictiveness.

In his haste to put a coalition together and take over the reins of government, newly installed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu caused an internal crisis in the Likud, which made his first steps in power seem inauspicious. That he could not find a respectable place in his government for MK Ariel Sharon, who had rallied a fractious "national camp" behind Netanyahu's leadership when the chances of victory seemed remote, points to a woeful miscalculation.

Not surprisingly, his choice for foreign minister, David Levy, used the opportunity to draw attention to himself. With characteristic petulance, he declined to attend the Knesset session and be introduced as a member of the new government unless a place could immediately be found for Sharon. As a result, Netanyahu had to keep the foreign portfolio to himself, until Levy would see fit to accept it.

It was a humiliating spectacle for a government which had promised to be an efficient, "can do" administration. The Likud, which had managed to overcome its chronic unruliness for the duration of the election campaign, seemed to be reverting to its wayward norms.

Nor had the Labor Party, now in opposition, changed its ways. Former prime minister Shimon Peres, perhaps attempting to show that he possesses the vigor and feistiness expected of an opposition leader, delivered a shrill, combative address, which sounded more like a stump speech than a thoughtful response to Netanyahu's appeal for domestic unity and unprecedented call for peace and reconciliation with the world of Islam.

Peres repeated all the tired, questionable shibboleths of the campaign. Again, the public was treated to what former president George: Bush derisively described as "the vision thing." Only people of little faith, Peres averred, fail to see that the region is ready for an historic reconciliation, for peace with Israel in exchange for land, and for replacing political, territorial, and military ambitions with aspirations for economic betterment.

NO NEED FOR FEAR

Sir, - Thomas L. Friedman is en-

titled to use his column to exhort

support for his choice for Israel's

prime minister, and he is also enti-

tled to criticize the judgment of the

people of Israel in refusing to agree with him. But, his column "...And

one man voted twice," (The New

York Times Weekly Review distrib-

uted in The Jerusalem Post of June

2) goes too far in spreading fear for

the personal safety of visitors to

Israel. Mr. Friedman was once a

courageous journalist, putting his

fears aside to visit hot spots of the

world in pursuit of truth. One must

wonder whether he would similarly

confess his insecurities if his candi-

Interestingly, it was the voters'

concern that the policies Mr. Fried-

man so ardently supported threat-

ened Israel's security which contrib-

uted to the election results. The

statistical likelihood of a foreign vis-

itor to Israel, especially with Mr.

Friedman's status and connections,

suffering harm from terrorism is

negligible and, according to Moment

magazine, is far less than the risk of

an American being murdered in

1994, a risk which is of no concern

to any balanced individual. Mr.

Friedman may continue to elect to

stay at "low profile, out-of-the-

way" places, avoid the center of

town and develop anxiety waiting

for traffic lights to change, but other experienced visitors, like the citi-

zens of Israel, see no need to react as

Chairman of the Board, America-Israel Friendship League

DIASPORA JEWS

there is a deep feeling of frustration

in the Diaspora. Of course, it is clear

that Jews who do not live in Israel

have no moral right to vote and

decide about Israel's destiny. But

too much which concerns the whole

Jewish people is at stake in the Is-

raeli elections for Jews in the Dias-

pora to be considered unwanted

A way must be found to allow

Jews in the Diaspora to vote at least

in a symbolic way in the next Israeli

elections. It may be healthy for the

unity of the Jewish people and even

Sir, - After the elections in Israel

KENNETH J. BIALKIN,

fearfully as Mr. Friedman.

New York.

date had won.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEDIA BIAS

by our report, presented at a press

conference one week after the elec-

tions. In it, we summed up the per-

formance of the electronic media in

the special 60-day period prior to the elections. According to Ms. Yu-delman, however, "[Israel's] Media Watch continued railing against the

media" ("Biased puppets," The

Our criticism was not limited to

humor. As we noted, the bias of

media mandarins - editors, produc-

ers, writers and talk-show hosts -

was quite apparent in all too many

programs. We specified some three-

score infractions of the law and vio-

lations of the Israel Broadcasting

Authority's own code of journalistic

ethics and these were only

The most damaging behavior of

the media was the systematic clos-

ing off the airwaves to criticism.

Professor Gavriel Moked, a left-

winger, and Dr. Yuval Steinitz, for-

merly of Peace Now, had signed an

ad calling on media journalists to be

objective. They were invited several times to television and radio pro-

grams only to have their appear-

ances canceled at the last minute.

This was protective censorship, not

worthy of Israel's public broadcast-

Chief Justice Theodore Orr, at our

request, intervened twice with Po-

politika and once with an Army Ra-

dio program to keep them within the

confines of the law. The State Attor-

ney's office, following our com-plaint, saw fit to begin an investiga-

tion. A complaint was filed with the

police. All this was kept off the

airwaves. Didn't the public have a

right to know? Can the public make

a value judgment if the very instru-

ment which is to keep them in-

formed, by law, uses its powers to

censor unfavorable news about

Better late than never, Orit Galili

of Ha'aretz exhibited integrity on

TV One's No Man's Land program

broadcast on June 5. She unabashed-

ly admitted on camera that "the

press was mobilized on behalf of

ing system.

Week that Was of June 7).

Sir, - Michal Yudelman is irked

But what was perhaps most riling about the Peres's speech was his demand that the incoming government honor its predecessor's "international commitments" by withdrawing from Hebron. The fact is that it was the Labor government which violated the Oslo agreement by refusing to leave Hebron after the suicide bombing outrages of February and March.

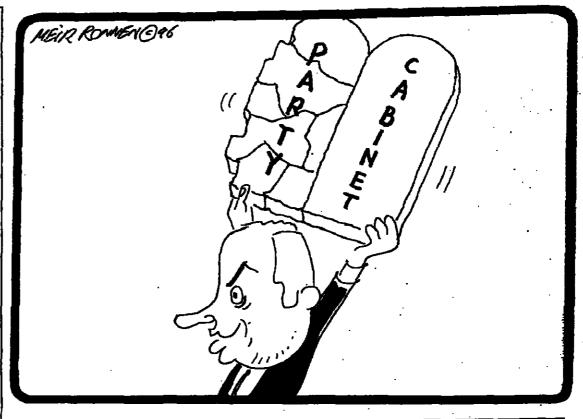
It was an eminently reasonable refusal. Hebron is a hotbed of Hamas activity. It has sheltered some of the most notorious terrorists, most recently Hassan Salameh, the second most wanted Hamas operative, nabbed by the IDF at a Hebron roadblock. To surrender Hebron is to award the Islamist terrorist organizations their most coveted prize, and provide them a launch-

ing pad for a terror campaign against Israel.
In fact, it was Peres himself who said that the army would not move out of Hebron until the most wanted Hamas terrorist, Mohammed Deif, is apprehended. But only a few days ago, the Palestinian Authority announced that Deif had escaped from Gaza, where he had miraculously managed to hide for three months after the bus bombings.

It would, then, be reckless for Israel to withdraw from Hebron according to the former government's redeployment plan, and it is irresponsible of the Labor opposition to demand that Netanyahu government take the kind of risk it was not prepared to take upon itself.

Nor was the call for adherence to a dangerous commitment the only disappointing component of the Peres speech. Ignoring indications of a looming economic crisis, Peres bragged about his economic policies which were, if anything, more irresponsible than his government's peace" moves. The loans guaranteed by the US have been squandered on raising the pay of the tumescent bureaucracy's employees, bringing on an inflation rate of 15 percent a year. The growth rate and productivity are down, while the trade and budget deficits have reached frightening levels. One of the government's first tasks will have to be the restoration of the economy's health.

If there was one comforting thought in yesterday's spectacle it was the fact that Netanyahu has shown himself capable of surviving worse crises than yesterday's minor fiasco. If he manages to get efficient team work out of his new government, yesterday's limping start will seem like a minor mishap. If he doesn't, it will be remembered as an omen of things to come.



New king, new power

S a ruthless candidate, Bibi Netanyahu sacrificed fel-Llow Likud backbenchers to make a deal with David Levy's Gesher and Rafael Eitan's Tsomet, clearing the decks for an essential first-round victory in the vote for premier.

In setting up his cabinet, he has now done the same thing to leading Likud colleagues and potential future rivals for the party lead-

It makes little difference if Dan Meridor, Benny Begin and Ariel Sharon do or do not end up joining the cabinet.

Netanyahu's purpose was to cut them - and all other potential rivals - down to size and let them know in no uncertain terms who's

By doing this Netanyahu was exploiting fully the new powers of a directly-elected prime minister. It wasn't very long ago that Likud "princes" and other leading

party lights were taking advantage of every opportunity to express their disdain of Netanyahu, voicing the opinion that he was a parvenu and a lightweight, a man who had been able to snatch the party out of their hands, but whose ability to lead the country was doubtful. It was thus essential that Bibi establish his unchallenged dominance at the very out-

But the fact is that while Netanyahu won the prime ministerial elections — albeit by a hairsbreadth - the Likud lost mis-The best comment on the brutal-

ity with which Netanyahu's hatchan Aviodor Lieherman did the job on Sharon, Meridor, Begin, and Moshe Katsav was delivered by Ruby Rivlin, a Likud Knesset candidate who didn't make it because of the seats given tion-day activists. to Gesher and Tsomer.

"Don't kick too many people on your way up," Rivlin said, "because the surest thing in politics is that you'll be meeting them all on your way down."

First impressions of the makeup of the new government are the YOSEF GOELL

inordinate concessions made to the religious parties, and the sacrifice of considerations of personal qualification to the single-minded insistence on establishing the prime minister's ascendancy over any highly qualified but possibly independent-minded ministers.

The religious bloc did increase its Knesset seats to an unprecedented 23, and this did require adequate recompense. But it has

Bibi has shown who's boss - but some of his appointments are worrying

United Torah Judaism, for example, didn't increase its four seats at all. And yet it was awarded the Housing Ministry - at the expense of Arik Sharon - and the coveted chairmanship of the Knesset Finance Committee.

The best explanation for this exaggerated largesse vis-a-vis the religious parties is Netanyahu's awareness that they and their activists were the ones who won him the election. The Likud's politicos barely exerted themselves in the campaign - an indication of their ambivalence Netanyahu. His lastminute victory was made possible by a string of haredi rabbis, and by the all-out mobilization of an army of enthusiastic haredi elec-

THE MOST problematic aspect of Netanyahu's concessions to the power of the religious vote is his naming political outsider Prof. Ya'acov Ne'eman as justice min-

The problem here isn't that affairs.

been vastly overdone.

Ne'eman himself is religious. This would certainly be no reason to disqualify any candidate. It is that Ne'eman is very closely identified with the religious parties, and with religious politicians under indictment, at a time when they have targeted the Supreme Court and the entire judicial system as their main enemy in the intensifying confrontation between the religious and secular

Ne'eman will be expected to contribute his impressive expertise to a joint Netanyahu-religious bloc drive to circumvent the High Court and its rulings on a long list of civil rights and constitutional issues. There is also a very real possibility that Ne'eman and the other coalition representatives on the judges appointments committee will use the next four years to attempt to pack the Supreme Court and tip its internal balance in their favor.

The fact that Netanyahu automatically wrote Sharon and Eitan of as possible defense ministers redounds to his credit. Having said that, the choice of Yitzhak Mordechai for defense is disappointing.

The last thing in the world a defense minister should be is a second-guessing superchief of staff (remember the catastrophes of Moshe Dayan on the eve of the Yom Kippur War and Sharon in the Lebanese War) - and that is the direction in which Mordechai's ambitions and talents lie. And he has never given the slightest indication that he possesses the intellectual capacity of builder of Israel's military might, able to counter new strategic threats over the long term.

One hopes this drawback will be balanced out by the new National Security Council, which all previous prime ministers have rejected since its recommendation by the Agranat Commission after the Yom Kippur War.

The writer comments on public

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER HOULD the Franklin Roosevelt memorial now going up near the Mall in Washington show Roosevelt in a wheelchair? The memorial design-

Wish vs.

reality

ers think not. There will be three representations of FDR in stone. none acknowledging his disability. This has aroused the protest of many, from disability activists to Roosevelt grandchildren to ordi-nary pundits. To airbrush our this central reality in FDR's life, they charge, is a historical travesty.

The weakness of the critics' case lies in its central premise: that FDR would have wanted himself portrayed in a wheelchair. Yes, they admit, he did not permit himself to be photographed in a wheelchair. Yes, he relentlessly, obsessively hid his condition from the American people. Yes, on occasion he even lied about it, as when he told an interviewer. "As a matter of fact, I don't use a wheelchair at all except a little kitchen chair on wheels to get about my room while

But, claim the critics, FDR did all this for political reasons. Given the prejudices of the age, he needed to conceal his paralysis.

Americans would never have chosen a disabled man to lead them. Now, however, in this more enlightened age, he would have been pleased, even proud, to be

portrayed with his disability. It is a nice argument, it is also nonsense. It posits that if FDR had not run for the presidency, but had remained a lawyer or taken some nonelective political position requiring no pandering to voters. he would have had no qualms about cruising through society in a wheelchair.

This is just plain wrong. FDR's extraordinary, artful contrivances were designed to hide his disability not just from voters, but from everyone. He concealed his paralysis not just for reasons of politics. but out of pride. He lived a life of fierce denial. Not once, for example, did he ever even discuss his paralysis with the person closest to hìm, his mother.

And when a man has over 35,000 pictures taken of him, of which exactly two show him in a wheelchair, you don't need to be a psychiatrist to figure that there is something those than political calcutation at work here. And it was-n't just the White House photographers who, in league with him, would police their own by "accidentally" knocking to the ground a camera that had captured FDR wheelchair-bound. Whenever ing such a picture, he would direct the Secret Service to the offender and they would expose the film.

It is absurd to claim that FDR would have wanted to be memorialized in stone in a manner that, in

When is a wheelchair an impediment? When it is imposed on the memorial of a man who spent his

life denying disability real life, he would not even allow to be depicted in a photograph. That is why at the unveiling in London of a statue showing FDR standing, Eleanor Roosevelt noted

how pleased she thought her hus-

band would be to see himself so

portrayed. BUT monuments are not built just to make a person look the way he would have liked. They have other purposes. Such as, for example, raising consciousness about disability by showing that the greatest president of this century was seriously disabled.

This is a worthy purpose, not easily dismissed. Does it justify violating the self-image, the pride, the intentions of the man who is ostensibly being honored?

How to weigh the wishes against the facts? Acknowledge the facts. In some part of this multi-chambered. memorial, FDR's wheelchair and braces ought to be displayed. The exhibit should say: Here is what he had to contend with, here is what he overcame, here is what he tried to make sure the world would never

But a statue of him sitting in a wheelchair? No. The fact is that FDR spent very little time in his wheelchair. He used it mostly to get from one place to another, then would transfer - into the back seat of his touring car, the front seat of the Ford he loved to drive, or the regular chairs he used in the Oval Office or at the dinner table. He should be shown sitting in one of those chairs. That is where he spent most of his life. One does not memorialize a man by imposing on him an identity that he himself rejected. Better no

memorial at all. (c) Washington Post Writers

Sarraj: More than a friend

SEVERAL years ago at a meeting of Palestinian and Israeli human rights activists, I went on record as saying that once Israel left the West Bank and Gaza Strip the human rights situation there would deteriorate.

As an Israeli, I said, I didn't want to be the party violating the Palestinians' basic human rights; that was not only contrary to my humanitarian principles but ruinous to the fabric of

Israeli society.

As a friend of the Palestinians, however, I felt the selves for the worst.

If the worst means people arrived. The detention of Dr. Eyad

Independent light.

need to voice my fear that once Israel started to withdraw from the territories, as far as human rights in them were concerned. Palestinians should brace them-

being detained for criticizing their leaders' dictatorial methods and their total indifference to the basic human rights of those under their rule, then the worst has most certainly

Sarraj, a psychiatrist and neurologist from Gaza who also serves as Commissioner of the Palestinian Committee on Human Rights in the Palestinian Authority, and rumors about his having been mistreated, are bad news for those who hoped that after years of having their basic rights trampled by a succession of foreign rulers the Palestinians would finally start seeing some

The original excuse for Sarraj's detention was that he had dared to criticize the PA in an interview he gave to the New York Times. Later he was accused of trafficking in drugs - clearly a totally bogus accusation.

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

ANY leader who feels threatened by a man like Sarrai must either have a vision that is totally twisted, or be extremely inse-

In the past it was the Israeli authorities who seemed eager to

> It's a black day when the PA jails one of the best and brightest **Palestinians**

get Sarraj and his like to pack their bags and depart from the region. They found it easier to relate to fanatical terrorists, corrupt effendis, and semi-literate laborers than to educated, cultured and truly liberal Palestinians with a record of opposition to violence.

The story of how Sarraj's Israeli friends were called upon time and again to get him off the hook after he dared address officials in the civil administration in Gaza as equals rather than demigods, isn't one we Israelis have any reason to be proud of.

On one occasion, in spring 1988, I had arranged to meet the head of the civil administration in Gaza, Brig.-Gen. Shifman-Ramot, about Sarraj being harassed by his underlings. OC Southern Command, Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai (as of today minister of tist. defense) tried to prevent the

meeting taking place. It was only through the intervention of the office of then defense minister Yitzhak Rabin that I was finally allowed to meet with Shifman-Ramot.

But this was all nothing compared to the situation today. Today it isn't just the freedom of an exceptional and genteel man that is at

Even if he is finally

released unharmed, will he be allowed to go on serving his community as a psychiatrist whose greatest concern is the future of what he terms "the lost generation of intifada children?" (These are Palestinian children who grew up undernourished, without the discipline of parents or teachers, and lived through traumatic, intifadarelated experiences).

Will Sarraj be able to continue being a human-rights activist, or will the PA manage to achieve what the Israel's civil administration couldn't and force him into exile?

During the 12 years I have known Sarraj, he has been much more than just a friend. He has represented the incarnation of the hope for a better future, both in terms of life in Gaza and the other Palestinian territories, and in terms of the Palestinian-Israeli relationship.

If any harm befalls him, or if he is forced into exile, this hope will be dashed.

The writer is a political scien-

for Israeli politics. EGON FRIEDLER Montevideo, Uniguay,

Chairman, Israel's Media Watch

Peres, totally" and expressed regret. Was she "railing" too? PROF. ELI POLLAK

ing about the role of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers (Anzacs) who served in and around Eretz Yisrael during both World Wars and would like to ask if any readers would have information, especially relating to personal encounters with soldiers from these countries.

ENCOUNTERS WITH

ANZACS

Sir, - I am researching and writ-

On of the main themes of my work (tentatively entitled Anzacs, Zionists and the Empires) will focus upon the warm relationship between the Anzacs and the Jewish people, either the civilians living in Eretz Yisrael, or Jewish soldiers of the Zion Mule Corps, Jewish Legion and lewish Brigade. It is my opinion that every campaign in which Anzacs fought in the Eastern Mediterranean, during both World Wars, had a bearing upon the restoration and preservation of the Jewish homeland. Any further material to assist my research therefore would

be greatly appreciated. KELVIN CROMBIE. P.O.B. 14037. Jaffa Gate, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-277727

NO! Sir, - I am all for journalists not being political propagandists during working hours. But privatize TV Channel 1? Good grief, no! We'd only get another drecky Channel 2. ARLYNN NELLHAUS

Jerusalem.

New York.

NO CONTRIBUTION Sir, - On May 17, you printed a report on contributions of funds by Americans, to the Labor Party and to Likud. The report erroneously stated that Jack Dweck, a New York resident, who is president of American Friends of Likud, had contributed \$100,000 to Likud, for Mr. Netanyahu's campaign. In fact, Mr.

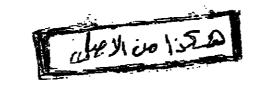
raising on behalf of Likud. The false and misleading statement which identified Mr. Dweck as a major campaign contributor to Likud has embarrassed him, and caused him substantial emotional JEROME KAMERMAN,

Counselor at Law

Dweck has made no contribution of

funds whatsoever to Likud, in the

past year, nor has he done any fund-



More parental wisdom

PARENTING RUTH MASON

EAR mother-to-be,

1. I recommend the book What to Expect the First Year by Arlene Eisenberg, which covers all subjects from emotional to physical needs of the baby, mother and father.

2. Buy a Medella breast pump and consult

2. Buy a Medella breast pump and consult lactation counselors in the hospital or volunteers (you can phone La Leche League for advice.) I went back to work when my baby was four months old, but I expressed milk during my lunch hours.

Even though I was away from home for 10 hours a day, I continued breast-feeding until my baby was 13 months old. It can be done, even though you might hear comments like "Still breast-feeding?" even after only three months.

3. Try to spend some time with your husband without your baby on a regular basis. My ex-husband left me when my son was less than a year old. The first year after a baby is born puts enormous stress on a marriage. (I'm not blaming the baby, but the first year of his life definitely brought marital problems to the surface.)

A marriage needs to be nurtured all the time; you don't stay in love without working on it. My ex and I were so absorbed in caring for the baby that we didn't realize our marriage was on the rocks until he was a few months old.

Name withheld by request Dear Mother-to-be:

My reply to your letter on how to prepare for a first baby would be to find a good quality childbirth education program.

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they can make rational choices about the place of birth and options offered to women during birth.

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The center has its head office in Haifa and our library is open for anyone to read from our books and journals. Many of our counselors also loan books from their personal libraries.

I shall be glad to speak to any readers needing this service and refer them to the counselors nearest to their homes.

Wendy Blumfield. Honorary President. Israel Childbirth Education Center Tutor/Teacher National Childbirth Trust

Dear Mother-to-be:

Here are a few thoughts of mine. We have two children, aged eight and three, and one on

1. Remember that children are not little adults. They are "works-in-progress." Keep your expectations at their level to better understand them. Patience is a key factor - the challenge is real but rewarding.

2. We don't use the "magic word," since there is no such thing. It holds no guarantees as far as we're concerned. We remind our kids to say the "nice word." It allows them to think for themselves about which word is appropriate and when.

3. Don't feel intimidated by all the outsiders' comments you will automatically receive. Just smile back and keep going in your own loving way.

4. Don't forget about your husband/partner. He may need as much attention as your baby. It is a change for him, too. Keep in mind that the plan is for you two to be together even after the kids have moved on.

Joyce Olshan

Hebrew is not exactly a language for speed readers

ROBERT ALBERG

O you feel you cannot read Hebrew as well as you'd like to? Well don't worry, because the truth is that nobody can read Hebrew as well as he ought. As well as English readers can read English, for instance.

Linguists have defined effective reading as rapid reading. If you have to read slowly, by the time you get to the end of one section of text you may have forgotten what was at the beginning.

Ever since Hebrew first became an everyday language 100 years ago, people have complained that they cannot read it as well as they would like. Most native Hebrew readers do not complain nowadays because they are not proficient in another language, and therefore cannot make the comparison.

The main shortcoming that has bothered so many readers is that Hebrew is printed without most of the "dots" that indicate vowels. We have added a few more letters here and there to try to overcome this – more yuds and vavs – but this has helped only slightly.

only slightly.

Some radical proposals have been broached. In 1962 members of the Hebrew Language Academy proposed creating two new letters to represent the sounds of the vowels "A" and "E". This was not accepted: it changed the whole look of the Hebrew page, and it made it difficult to recognize the roots of the word.

One man produced a Hebrew paper using Latin type but few people wanted to read it. Hebrew is an extremely "consonantal" language, and the introduction of many vowel letters makes it hard to recognize the root words.

The solution that most students of the problem have agreed upon is to print just a few vowel points – the MEIR RONNENC 96

minimum necessary to indicate the required vowel sounds. But until recently this has been difficult, because setting type with vowel points has been cumbersome. But now new computers have made this feasible.

Together with several other researchers, I have been working on this problem. We have worked out a system of minimal vowel-pointing, which we intend to propose to the Hebrew Language Academy.

About one word in three can be read in two or more ways. Of course, one can decipher the correct reading by referring to the context, but this is the main drawback. The necessity of examining carefully the other words before or after a doubtful word is what slows up our reading considerably.

Linguists measure the reading of words or phrases in the hundredths of seconds. In English our eyes glide speedily over words or phrases because their pronunciation is definite.

Many Hebrew words can be read in seven ways, with seven different meanings. MSPR can be read as mispar, msaper, mi-sefer, mi-sapar, misfar, masper, mi-saper.

There are three other reasons why reading Hebrew is slower than other languages. Firstly, prepositions are printed as the first letter of a word: "b", "l", "m", etc. "Bmai" can be read as "b mai" ("in May") or as "bamai" ("a stage director"). We propose a simple reform: to print these prepositions as separate words.

Secondly, Hebrew lacks capital letters. In English our eyes often search out the words with capital letters because names are of particular interest, or we are searching for a specific name. Or alternatively, we wish to skip over all the names or jump to the next sentence. Fortunately our computers can now enable us to print capitals in Hebrew.

Finally, many Hebrew letters resemble each other, and the eye must examine each one carefully and slowly.

In English there are some letters which are "ascenders" (above the line) while others are "descenders." In reading, our eyes always rest on the tops of the letters, and in English the great variety of shapes of the letters is enough to tell us what the letters are. But in Hebrew our eyes must examine both the top and the bottom of each letter, and this is a slower process.

Books which discuss this problem often demonstrate the difference by showing two sentences cut horizontally in the middle. The English sentence can be read easily by seeing only the top half, while in the Hebrew sentence this is very difficult.

We are working on a style of Hebrew type which can reduce this problem. Again, as in many other fields, the computer is making our life easier.

Britain's snarled roads are swept by a wave of rage and frustration

Traffic heading for 'nightmare scenario'

RITAIN'S worst traffic is around London, on the M25. This circular highway makes urban American beltways seem like country roads, in the city itself the average speed of rush-hour traffic is 15 km/h, when moving at all.

Sitting at a sidewalk cafe in London – amid the racket and pollution – is the equivalent of sipping espresso by an expressway. Bicyclists look like extras in the movie *Outbreak*. They wear special breathing masks and plastic reflective clothing, and have strobe lights on helmets and pedals.

But the traffic is bad where you least expect it too: in once placid towns like Cambridge, Oxford and Bath; in national parks; in the great moors of lore and legend, like Dartmoor, the setting in southwestern England for The Hound of the Baskervilles. Any hound venturing into it today risks life and limb, according to a recent study, which said that some 300 sheep, ponies and cattle were run down and killed by speeding cars there last year.

Few disagree that British traffic is out of hand. The solution of business and the government is more roads. They lobby and issue reports claiming that congestion is costing commerce billions of pounds a year.

Amid a horrendous Easter holiday period this year, with mammoth backups, the Royal Automobile Club declared that if something is not done, every week will be like Easter Week — "the nightmare scenario," as the RAC put it.

The solution of environmentalists is to stop road construction entirely. They marched on the Department of Transport in April, demanding a road-traffic reduc-



Traffic is bumper-to-bumper even in quiet little Bath.

tion bill. The more militant among them build tree houses in the path of new highways and camp there

in protest until removed by police. Mass ownership of cars arrived much later than in America. At the beginning of the 1980s, there were roughly 281 cars and vans per 1,000 population. By the mid 90s, the figure had increased by 40 percent, to nearly 400 per 1,000. During that same period, ownership in the US increased by only 7 percent.

The US still has about five times the number of vehicles, but it also has 16 times the road mileage. And, whereas much of the US was built for cars, or rebuilt for them in the postwar years, most of

Britain's cities and towns have road patterns three or four cen-

turies old.

There are few if any commuter lanes in Britain. Many cars still use leaded fuel. London's black taxis run on diesel and sound and smell like it. Public-transport fares have been rising all over Britain, while the quality of service, by all accounts, is declining.

Consider, for example, a visit to Bath. As you arrive at the station 90 minutes from London, for a brief moment you think you are in the country. From the window you mileage. can see a meandering canal, cyclists, even some horses, and narrow winding streets leading into the hills.

(Fred Barbash/Washington Post)

But when you try to cross the street from the station into the town, you can't move because of the traffic. When you try to conduct a conversation on the sidewalk, you can't hear. And if you try to photograph an old building, and can't get a shot that doesn't have a truck in it.

In tourist towns like Bath, dozens of tour buses jostle with the trucks and cars on narrow streets. Because Bath is geologically a kind of saucer – where the air settles in the middle – the fumes from all this traffic tend to just sit there, waiting to be inhaled. And Bath was a spa town once thought to restore health.

(The Washington Post)

Britons become road monsters TOIC Britain, whose people according to a survey by the of road attacks should us

S TOIC Britain, whose people are renowned for keeping a stiff upper lip under pressure, is in the grip of road rage.

sure, is in the grip of road rage.

Road rage, a term coined in the US, has increased in Britain in step with car ownership and the stress of modern life. But last month's fatal stabbing of a young man by another driver shocked many Britons.

Shaking his head in bemusement when another man cut in at traffic lights cost Stephen Cameron his life, his fiancee said. "I had to brake quite sharply. Steve was just shaking his head as

Steve was just shaking his head as if to say 'you idiot.' But he was joking more than anything," she added.

Hours after Cameron was killed, a 73-year-old motorist was beaten

up by two men. He waved from his car to thank them for letting him into traffic but they saw it as a rude gesture. A man was jailed for four years after deliberately driving over and

after deliberately driving over and killing the victim of an earlier hitand-run accident. Chauffeur Tony Heart was con-

Chauffeur Tony Heart was convicted of assault after he leapt from his limousine, banged a motorcyclist's head on the pavement in a frenzy, and throttled him until he was unconscious.

It seems the simple act of getting into a car can spark a Jekyll and Hyde-style transformation in some motorists. Cocooned in their cozy cars, drivers can undergo a complete personality change, psychologists say.

chologists say.

"Military training to kill involves the same dehumanizing process as driving. These are situations where people lose grasp of their core personality," says Conrad King, psychologist and consultant to the Royal Automobile Club.

Research suggests cases of road rage are on the increase as society becomes more competitive and burdened by stress.

"It's the price we pay for living in a technological society," RAC spokesman Edmund King said. Nine out of 10 motorists claim to have been victims of road rage, Automobile Association.

Road rage encompasses a range

of aggressive behavior, from honking the horn, headlight flashing, tail-dogging, and abusive gestures to actual physical attack.

Last year, according to the 1996

Lex Report on Motoring, there were 1.8 million cases of people being forced off the road and 500,000 incidents of cars being deliberately rammed.

"One problem is that everyone thinks they are the best driver on the roads," the RAC said.

Another reason for this sudden loss of the traditional British sangfroid is severe road congestion. With 21 million cars in use, roads are becoming choked with traffic. By 2020, the number of cars is expected to soar to 31 million.

London, where traffic regularly grinds to a halt during rush hour, is particularly prone to road rage outbreaks.

CAB DRIVER Colin Jones, 42, was convicted of assault after attacking the driver of a London sightseeing bus outside Buckingham Palace.

A motorcycle courier from London was jailed for three years after spraying armonia into the eyes of a van driver and threatening to stab him to death.

Conrad King said he found in a personality study that people experienced much stronger feelings of aggression, extroversion, and paranoia when driving than in an office.

"Road rage can be a projection of a range of feelings, from a need to win, a desire for power, or a fear of inadequacy," King said. Drivers can avoid losing control through effective stress management and journey planning, psy-

ment and journey planning, psychologists say.

The Automobile Association has issued a 10-point courtesy code to help motorists cope with their frustration. It tells people to

has issued a 10-point courtesy code to help motorists cope with their frustration. It tells people to keep calm and show restraint, writing, "Do not drive in a spirit of competition or retaliation."

The RAC says people convicted

of road attacks should undergo counseling before being allowed back behind the wheel.

Both organizations recommend having more police on the roads as the increasing substitution of camera technology is simply not an effective deterrent.

They say the government should improve public transportation, particularly in congested cities, and set up a campaign to

encourage driver awareness.

The government is widely expected to set out guidelines on attitudes to other drivers in a new edition of the motorists' Highway Code, which Britons preparing to take their driving test must learn

by rote, including a section on "anti-confrontation."

Only five years ago, British police thought the section was unnecessary because road rage was a phenomenon limited to America. Among its suggestions, it is expected to advise drivers to acknowledge when they have made a mistake which might annoy other motorists and not to get out of their cars if threatened. "If you are mentally prepared, you can avoid being the victim of

other people's anger," says Andy Neale of the driver training group Drive and Survive. "Just don't get involved, that's our message."

(Reuter)

Germans fine culprits

OAD rage is nothing new for Germans, who have been used to such Strassen War for decades.

And just as German cars

have to be faster, bigger and stronger than anyone else's, so it seems do their drivers. Germany has one of the worst road accident rates in Europe – 6,000 deaths and 300,000 injuries last year – many the results of road rage.

Enraged drivers regularly pull out guns and knives – and even brandish swords – to threaten or attack pedestrians or other motorists who they believe have got in their way.

In an effort to curtail the beatings, blindings and shootings, the German authorities have issued a series of point-

For each point accumulated the culprit is fined one day of his or her salary. Sticking out your tongue nets you five points. You are awarded 10 points for raising your middle finger in a threatening manner; for shouting an abusive term such as Schweinhund or Scheisse; or for spitting at another driver.

"We recognize that the criminal acts often begin with more minor gestures and we want to put a halt to such unacceptable behavior," said a German transport spokesman.

port spokesman.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Wednesday, June 19, 1996

Tadiran in talks with IBM over software division

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TADIRAN is negotiating to sell half of its software division to IBM following the company's failure to sign a final agreement with Electronic Data Systems (EDI), a subsidiary of General Motors, company officials said

A Tadiran spokesperson confirmed the company is negotiating with IBM as well as with several other companies. The discussed deal is part of the group's policy to establish cooperation agree-ments with multinational industry leaders.

The company hopes the transaction will significantly increase the division's computer programming business, and encourage joint projects with IBM in the programming and computer fields.

The group's computer software subsidiaries include Advanced Technology, Contabal and Tadiran Information Systems. The latter is one of the country's largest systems integration and software development companies.

Last year Tadiran signed a memorandum of understanding with EDI Corp. and its Israeli sub-sidiary, EDSI, for the sale of 51 percent of Tadiran Information System's shares for about \$9m.

Since then, the agreement, which is not binding and is subject to the negotiation of a definitive agreement and the obtaining of the necessary approvals, has been on hold due to problems between EDS Corp. and EDSI.

In Tadiran's financial statements for the third quarter of 1995, CEO Yisrael Zamir said a final agreement had not yet been reached, "and management is unable to assess the chances of it

doing so."
Tadiran's software subsidiaries develop and distribute a wide range of customized and packaged computer software. Their combined sales in 1995 reached \$57.6m., mostly of custom software, designed for specific cus-

Customers include military, governmental and commercial companies, as well as the company's other segments, and administrative and finance operations. Intercompany sales constituted about 30% of the total sales of the computer software business in

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CEREAL importers are being warned about the possible spread of the disease ustilago in wheat imported from India.

The disease spreads when an odorous fungus replaces the wheat kernel with black spores known as smut balls.

Some countries have already destroyed large quantities of wheat imported from India which conrained the infections fungicides.

ANDREW PECK

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If the disease were to enter Israel it could spread very quickly and would be very difficult to eradicate, the Ministry of Agriculture said vesterday.

While there is no formal ban on Indian wheat imports the Ministry is urging importers to take great care in checking produce. Government officials are also stressing there is no risk to

Frenkel agreed. The governor, whose reappointment should be approved next month by the cabinet, will also ing Finance Minister Dan Meridor. attend regularly cabinet sessions on economic affairs, participate in meetings of the ministerial committee on privatization, and personally advise the premier during

the budget's preparation. The announcement was released after Tel Aviv's financial markets had ended the day's trading, but the reappointment, and the estab-

PRIME Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu formaliy asked Bank

of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel

yesterday to stay in his post for a

second, five-year term, and to head a new council of economic

experts which will work alongside

the cabinet, aides to the two men

yesterday said.

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Bank of Israel governor will also

Frenkel to be reappointed

lishment of the new council, are likely to be accepted favorably by traders and analysts, considering Frenkel's image as both a fiscal and a monetary hardliner, his investor-friendly aura, and the high esteem with which he is held in leading financial capitals.

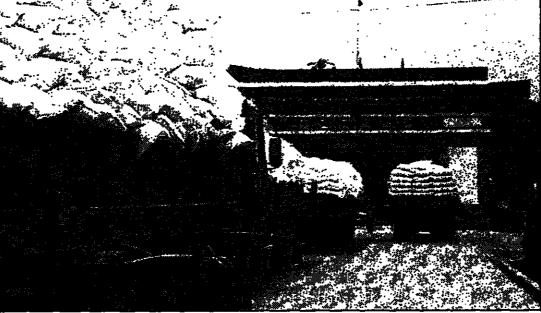
Netanyahu said the decision to renew Frenkel's appointment was taken in consultation with incom-

Government sources say the reappointment apparently signals an intention on Netanyahu's part to maintain a strong-shekel policy while ignoring calls in various quarters of the business sector to stimulate exports by allowing the currency to lose some altitude in financial markets.

As for the new council, it is unclear what its duties, clout and composition would ultimately be, but Treasury sources said some fear it might generate friction among officials, if it is to be bestowed some power.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu abandoned his original intention to transfer the budget department from the Treasury to the Prime Minister's Office, a move which would have deprived the ministry of its main source of power, and reportedly would have made Meridor reject the offer to head it.

However, the Treasury will be losing the Civil Service Commission to the Prime Minister's Office, and replace its current head, Yitzhak Galnur, with outgoing cabinet secretary Shmuel Holander.



Chinese trucks laden with low-grade flour prepare to cross into North Korea yesterday. Aid agencies say famine threatens thousands of people in the isolated country. A convoy of six trucks with 120 tons crossed the border at Turnen River but traders say the shipment was far too small and came too late to make a dent in demand. The traders said North Korea cannot afford any more imports.

uts abroad will see Vishay Israel grow

VISHAY Interechnology Inc. (Israel) is expected to grow despite the parent company's plan to cut 1,700 jobs from its manufacturing centers in the US and Europe, Chief Financial Officer Richard Grubb said yesterday. Three hundred of the 100s which the developer and man

ufacturer of electronic resistors and resistive sensors plans to cut, will be transferred to Vishay's four Israel-based factories, resulting in net cuts of 1,300 jobs and \$24 million in annual savings, Grubb said.

The Pennsylvania-based company plans to transfer some of these jobs to its fifth plant here, which is expected to open in Ofakim in about a year's time.

Company officials estimate that the Ofakim site, which has yet to receive official government approval, will employ

between 300 and 350 workers. Vishay Israel's four plants currently employ 2,800 work-

Grubb said Vishay is cutting seven percent of its 18,000-

person workforce as a result of the slackening personal

computer and telecommunication industries' business. Over the last 18 months inventories in these markets have become bloated, leading to a reduced demand for goods. According to a statement issued by a Memill Lynch, anast and reported on *Bloomberg Business News*, Vishay h higher costs than its competitors due to a greater concentra-

tion of employees in high labor-cost areas. Despite the company's cost-cutting measures and overall changes in its markets, Vishay Israel will remain strong, said President Avraham Inbar. "Changes in the market are not going to have a significant effect on Vishay Israel." Inbar said. "Overall, the plans are to expand with new products."

Last month Vishay inaugurated the first stage of a \$175m-factory in Migdal Ha'emek designed to produce

multi-layer ceramic capacitators for electronic equipment. The company's net income in the second quarter of 1995 totalled \$24.7 million. Company officials declined to offer a projection for net income in the second quarter of this year

Union, Jerusalem Bank ahead in race for General Bank

THE Bank of Jerusalem and Union Bank are leading the pack of contenders for the purchase of 52.8-percent stake in General

During the last few days, the six

have informed the sellers of their intention to continue to operate the bank as an independent entity. Sources close to the sale, said Edmond de Rothschild intends to finish the deal as soon as possible, adding that the transaction will likely be completed within ten

It is estimated that Bank of Jerusalem and Union Bank's proposals are the most attractive. The two banks are interested in gaining control of General Bank since it fits in well with their strategy to expand by increasing their infrastructure and activities. General Bank completed the first quarter of 1996 with a net profit of NIS 2.14m. compared with NIS 3.3m. in the corresponding period last year.

In related news, it is reported that General Bank manager Eli Yonas intends to resign after the bank is sold. Youas reportedly informed the six contenders of this earlier this week.

5 companies join in bid to bring gas from Egypt: Five companies have agreed in principle to join British Gas' bid for the tender to bring natural gas from Egypt to Israel. Clal, Dankner, Delek, Koor and Mashav have formed the Middle East Energy consortium and are awaiting government approval to join British Gas.

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Talks had been in progress for several weeks with both British Gas and rival bidder Gaz De France before the partnership was forged with the UK company, during the current Israel-Britain Business Council summit being held in Tel Aviv.

49 workers from territories caught without permit: Officers from the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry caught 49 residents of the territories and 27 foreign workers in Israel on Sunday and Monday without work permits. Seven of the Palestinians had been specifically banned from entering the country. Of the foreigners, 20 were European, six were from Jordan and one from India.

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One Beersheba businessman was found in possession of 16 Palestinian identity cards, with four residents of the territories working for him without permits. Their details were handed on to

So far this year, officers have stopped 1,076 Palestinians and 424 foreigners who were working without permits.

Quality standards recommended for sale of fruit and vegeta-bles: The Harelcommittee on home-produced farm goods has recommended minimum quality standards for the domestic sale of fuit Under the chairmanship of the Agriculture Ministry's assistant

director-general, Dalya Harel, the committee's report says home-sold produce should be as good as that which is exported. Of late there has been an improvement in the caliber of Israel

grown fruit and vegetables marketed here, said Harel. From next month, the Vegetable Board will begin a "Choice of Israel" marketing campaign, following up the committee's recom-

Ackerstein to establish building materials company in Galilee: Ackerstein Industries has announced plans to invest \$12 million in the establishment of a building materials company in the Safed-

Rosh Pinna industrial region. The company's fourth Israel-based factory will supply concrete architectural and construction products for underground infrastruc-

ture projects from Hadera to the country's northern border. Ackerstein Industries (TASE) has 350 employees and generates an annual turnover of approximately \$80m.

Travel permits sought for 350 Palestinian business people: The Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce announced plans to make a recommendation to the newly formed government to license 350 Palestinian business people from Gaza and the West Bank with special permits that will make it easier for them to enter Israel.

The effort is designed to encourage business between Israel and the PA. Trade between Israel and the Palestinian Authority stands at approximately \$1 billion per year.

Pepsi starts summer campaign: Pepsi Israel has started its summer marketing campaign, which is divided into a television game and a campaign in partnership with Polgat. The company said the television campaign will involve a weekly lettery whereby 15 participants will be able to win NIS 100,000 worth of banknotes. The second campaign is in partnership with Polgat. On each Pepsi bottle there will be a label which will give an 100 discount on the purchase of Polgat trousers. Galit Lipkis Beck

Bank Hapoalim wins quality training prize: The Prime Minister's Office Professional Training Center has awarded Bank Hapoalim the quality training prize for 1995. Bank Hapoalim's training center provides bank workers with traini management, organizational behavior and marketing.

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'Productivity negative over past five years'

DAVID HARRIS

IN four of the last five years, productivity in Israel was down, after having risen over the previous half decade (1986-90) by 18%, according to the Israel Institute of Productivity, which published its

annual report yesterday.

The organization, which is supported by government ministries, the Histadrut, Technion and various industry associations, said that with business sector GDP growing by 41 percent over the last five years and a 39% increase in labor input, the rise in labor productivity amounted to 1%, and added that the immigration influx was not being used to full

effect. "If we compare the last five years with the previous five, we now have a very serious problem," said Rami Gavison, the institute's director-general. "We must have investment in R&D. education and infrastructure, coupled with an open market."

The comparison of Israel's productivity with that of the leading Western and Far-Eastern countries has given rise to even greater con-cern for the institute's economists. In 1994 the GDP for each employed person in Israel was \$37,600, lower than that of the nine listed countries. Japan's figure was the highest at \$72,100.

"Despite the negative trends there is some optimism to be gained from the figures," commented Dr. Uri Patt, who leads the team that compiled the report. Looking ahead, he added, the mass immigration of recent years has already gone through the initial, difficult stages and should now become more pro-

For Israel to be on a par with the world's leading industrial nations, labor productivity must reach 3% to 4% a year until 2005, said Rami

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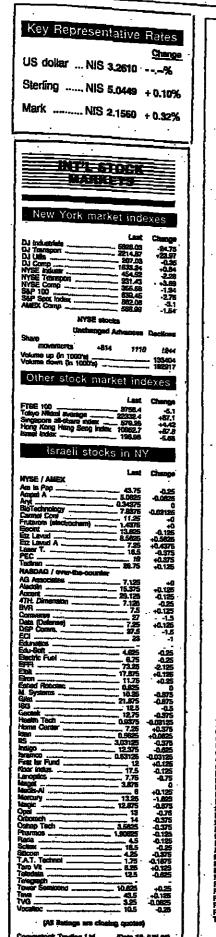
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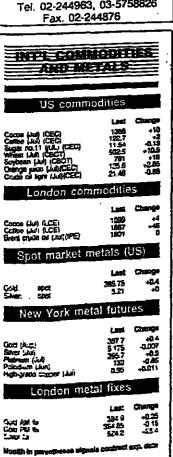
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Uncertainty about new finance minister affects market

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THE stock market closed little changed after two days of gains, as investors were unsure who would fill the post of finance minister.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu named Dan Meridor to the post only after the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange had closed for the day.

"Investors were waiting for the final announcement." said Eli Nahum, head of trading at Zannex Securities.

The Maof Index rose 0.17 percent to 217.15 and the Two-Sided Index rose 0.27% to 205.93. Of 989 shares trading, more than twice as many rose as fell. Some NIS 55.6 million worth

of shares changed hands, NIS 46.5m. below Monday's level, and about NIS 15m, below last week's average trading level.

Declining shares included Bezeq, which was the most active share on the exchange, falling 0.75% as NIS 2.4m, shekels worth of shares changed hands.

"The most important thing to emphasize today was the low trading volume, due to the uncertainty about what was happening

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Maof index

in the cabinet," said Nahum. "People were very suspicious" because the nominees for the ministry had changed several times in the past few days, he said. "At 2 p.m., people still felt

things could change. Other declining shares included Koor Industries, which fell 0.75%. In early trading in New York, Koor's American Depositary Receipts were unchanged for a second day at 17%.

Tadiran also dropped 0.75%. Tadiran's shares traded in New York were unchanged at 26% in early trading. Elite fell 1%.

Israel Chemicals and Makhteshim Chemical Works both fell 0.25% and Dead Sea Works and Dead Sea Bromine both closed unchanged.

Bank shares were mixed. Bank Hapoalim rose 0.25% and Bank Leumi 1.25%, but First International Bank fell 0.5%.

Rising shares included Israel Corp., which gained 1%, and IDB Development, which rose 1.25%.

Teva closed unchanged. In early trading in New York, Teva's ADRs rose 1/4 to 431/2.

FTSE closes slightly lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - UK shares lacked direction during early trade, after disappointing PSBR figures failed to inspire a reaction from the gilt market. The FISE 100 closed down 5.1 at 3,756.4.

FRANKFURT - The bourse ended slightly higher after a session undermined by the faltering dollar and dominated by selective buys ahead of a key DAX options and futures expiry later this week. The DAX index, which measures 30 blue chip stocks in three hours of floor trading, ended up 3.17 points at 2.549.29 after remaining in a tight range for the second day running. Post-bourse electronic change saw little change, and the IBIS DAX index

ended at 2.555.81 points. PARIS - Stocks finished off their lows but still in negative territory with investor confidence undermined by weakness of the franc and the dollar. The CAC-40 index finished down 5.10 points at 2,107.94, near the top of the narrow 16-point range it traded in

during the day. ZURICH - Shares closed higher as trading volume rose. Dealers said technical reasons were behind the rise and sentiment improved when it became clear that the blue-chip SMI index would hold on above 3,600 points. US data on housing starts, which came in lower than expected, also helped the market. The broad SPI index was up 14.63 to

TOKYO - Fueled by steady purchases of blue chips, stocks hit their closing high for 1996. The underlying bullish sentiment also helped scandal-hit Sumitomo Corp shares recover a little after Monday's plunge. The 225-share Nikkei average ended at 22,332.40, up 87.02 points, or 0.39 percent.

HONG KONG - Shares ended well-up, buoyed by the resolution of the Sino-US dispute over copyright protection, but activity was subdued. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index rose 87.79 points of 0.81 percent to close at

SYDNEY - Shares made solid gains as industrials firmed for the whole session and resource issues built on early cautious gains encouraged by the stable copper price in London on Monday. The All Ordinaries index closed 20.8 points up at 2,228.3.

JOHANNESBURG - Industrial shares ended robust but off their best levels after being tossed to and fro in volatile futures-related activity. Dealers said activity was driven largely by jobbers and large, aggressive foreign players, with local institutions mostly avoiding the fray. The overall index ended 3.1 points up at 6,822.9, the industrial index was up 44.2 points at 8,147.2 but the gold index lost 28 points to 1,777.9.

NYSE stocks close down 27 points

WALL STREET REPORT

turned lower with bonds yesterday as a tame report on new housing construction failed to inspire investors about the prospects for steady inflation and in-

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 26.97 points to close at 5,625.81. The blue-chip barometer, which held a slight gain until mid-afternoon, again traded in the narrow range that has characterized the indecisive mood of the past week.

Broader measures were lower too, although not as sharply as which dipped below 1,200 for the

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NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks first time since early May. Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a margin of almost 7-10-6 on the New York Stock

> down and 804 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 367.00 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 298.33 million in the previous

Exchange, with 1,102 up, 1,273

The NYSE's composite index fell 1.34 to 355.58, and the Standard and Poor's 500-stock index fell 3.10 to 662.06.

The Nasdaq composite indexfell 21.70 to 1,185.93, and the American Stock Exchange's marthe Nasdaq composite index, ket value index fell 1.54 to 588.99.

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England makes Orange crush

LONDON - England crushed the Netherlands 4-1 at Wembley last night, a sensational result which almost sent the fancied Dutch out of Euro 96.

Two goals each from Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham allowed England to finish top of Group A and only a late strike by substitute Patrick Kluivert saved the Netherlands from an ignominious exit.

Scotland beat Switzerland 1-0 in Birmingham thanks to an Ally McCoist goal in the other group A match to finish level on points with the Dutch and with the same goal difference.

But the Netherlands went through by scoring 3 goals in the tournament to 1 for the Scots. In Group B action last night,

France beat Bulgaria 3-1 and

Spain toppled Romania 2-1. In Saturday's quarter-finals, England will meet Group B runner-up Spain at Wembley and the Netherlands will play Group B winner France at Anfield.

All the weeks of controversy, criticism and scandal surrounding the England team were forgotten in a memorable night of skill and scoring as England scored three goals in a 10-minute second half spell to crush the Dutch spirit.

At one stage, it looked as if the Dutch, champions in 1988 and one of the favorites, were going out. The Scots appeared to be headed for the quarter-final for the first time in their history as their 1-0 victory over the Swiss put them level on points.

But Kluivert's 72nd-minute goal with his team 4-0 down, meant the Dutch went through instead on the basis they had scored more goals than the Scots, three instead of one.

Shearer fired England ahead from the penalty spot after 21 minutes and Sheringham headed the second six minutes into the second half. Shearer made it 3-0 in the 56th and Sheringham drove home No. 3 after Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar had failed to hold Darren Anderton's

Shearer raced to the top of the tournament scoring list with four



FIRST BLOOD - Alan Shearer (r) gets off a pass as the Netherlands Winston Bogarde gives chase. Shearer scored England's first goal on a 1st-half penalty shot.

goals after going 20 months without scoring for the national team.

Paul Ince's foul on Dennis Bergkamp gave the Dutch a chance in the second minute but Richard Witschge's 25-yard (meter) free kick cleared the crossbar by two meters.

But it was England who almost went ahead in the seventh minutes when Anderton crossed from the right and a first-time shot by Shearer and was cleared off the line by Witschge, standing at the right hand post.

A tie would have both teams through and eliminated

England's start made it clear there were no intentions of going for a tie (which would have assured both it and the Netherlands going through regardless of the outcome of the Scotland-Switzerland match) and the host nation took the lead in the 21st minute from the penalty spot.

After a slick Sheringham-Steve McManaman break from deep, the busy Ince was sent somersaulting by a Danny Blind's trip and the Dutch sweeper was shown the yellow card.

Goalkeeper van der Sar guessed right for the spot kick but Shearer's shot had too much

From that point there were chances at both ends as the game developed into a well-balanced, entertaining battle. A smart Dutch buildup involv-

ing Dennis Bergkamp, Aron Winter and Peter Hoekstra ended with Clarence Seedorf's 25 yard shot which was just too high. In the 30th minute, Paul Gascoigne's low free kick from the

right was touched on by Ince to

Sheringham whose 11-meter vol-

ley was straight at van der Sar. The only sour moment for an impressive England performance was Ince's second yellow card of the tournament which means he misses the quarter-final against (Reuter, AP) Today's matches Turkey vs. Denmark, 6:30 pm Croatia vs. Portugal 6:30 pm Italy vs. Germany 9:30 pm Russia vs. Czech Republic 9:30 pm

Group A

Group C

Group B

Group D

Sampras has tough road at Wimbledon

LONDON (Reuter) - Pete Sam- where he overcame an equally pras will have to negotiate a minefield if he is to extend his sequence of Wimbledon titles to four next week.

The world No. 1 and top seed received no favors from the draw yesterday with a host of explosive young giants of the serve-andvolley game waiting to ambush him along the way.

He should get by first opponent Richey Reneberg but then he must face the menacing frame of his conqueror in the third round of the Australian Open in January, Australian teenager Mark Philippoussis.

If Sampras manages to avenge that 6-4, 7-6, 7-6 defeat in the third round in Melbourne, he should readily beat any of the four men he could play in Round 3, Kris Goossens of Belgium, Zimbabwe's Byron Black, Karim Alami of Morocco or Slovak Karol Kucera.

Then another of the game's biggest men could await him in the form of Dutchman Richard Kraiicek - who could certainly topple French seed Cedric Pioline a round earlier - with German Michael Stich and Croat Goran Ivanisevic also blocking

The American will have to call on all the experience he gleaned at last month's French Open, tough draw to reach the semifinals before his tank finally ran dry and he succumbed to eventuchampion Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Steffi Graf, women's singles champion for six of the past eight years, has received a tougher draw than arch rival Monica Seles but is still an overwhelming favorite to add to her record.

Graf, who plays the up-andcoming Czech teenager Ludmila Richterova in the first round, has drawn Swiss 15-year-old Martina Hingis in the last 16. Then, if successful, Graf

should face Jana Novotna - the Czech who led 4-1 in the third set against her in the 1993 final - in the quarter-finals. Spain's Conchita Martinez,

who won the title in 1994, should be Graf's semifinal opponent if she survives a tough draw to get that far. Seles, making her first appear-

ance at Wimbledom since 1992 when she lost to Graf in the final, has won nine Grand Slam titles but none at Wimbledon, where she has only played three times. She lost in the last 16 in 1989

when only 15 and in the quarters in 1990 before going down 6-2, 6-1 to Graf in the 1992 final, perhaps their victim of all the criticism she received that year for

granting on every shot. Then in April of 1993, she was stabbed in the back by a fan at a Hamburg tournament and this is her first Wimbledon since then.

Her first match is against American Ann Grossman, but Seles should have little difficulty in reaching the semifinals, where she should come up against last year's beaten finalist Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, the Spaniard who also lost to Graf in this month's French final.

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Yanks lose after tribute to Allen

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The flags flew at half mast over Yankee Stadium on Monday and the game began with a moment of silence, but New York could not deliver a victory on the night they paid tribute to Mel Allen, the Hall of Fame broadcaster and former "Voice of the Yankees" who died Sunday.

The Yankees nearly pulled out a win, but Dan Naulty got Bernie Williams to fly out with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth

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inning as the Minnesota Twins won 6-3.

Joe Girardi singled in a run with two outs in the ninth and Paul O'Neill walked to load the bases. Naulty relieved Eddic Guardado and got Williams to fly out to the warning track in left field for his first career save.

Scott Aldred allowed a pair of runs over 6% immings to raise his record to 3-0 since joining the Twins from Detroit

Ramiro Mendoza (1-3) lost his third straight start for New York, giving up five runs and 10 hits m

The Twins scored three virues in the first and built the least to 6-0 after six innings. Derek Jeter got the Yankees within 6-2 in the seventh with a two-run double.

Allen, who died at age 83, was

saluted with a three-minute video of highlights in a career that included broadcasting 20 World Series, 24 All-Star games, 14 Rose Bowls and many other events.

Billboards outside Yankee Stadium, normally used for announcing upcoming games, read "Mel Allen, 1913-1996."

The Yankees will wear black arm bands on the left sleeves of their home and road uniforms for the rest of the season in Allen's

Services for the broadcaster, born Melvin Allen Israel, are scheduled for today at Temple Beth El in Stamford,

Connecticut. Oakland 8, Detroit 4 (10)

Terry Steinbach lifted Oakland to victory in most dramatic fashion when he belted his seventh career grand slam with one out in the top of the 10th inning. Rafael Bournigal and Jason

Giambi began the 10th with singles against Mike Myers (0-4). Torey Lovullo reached safely on a bunt to laod the bases and Steinbach smacked a 3-1 pitch from reliever Gregg Olson into the left-field stands for his 10th home run of the season. NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mets 7, Pirates 6 (10) Lance Johnson homered among his three hits, stole two

bases and scored the winning run in the 10th inning as New York blew a six-run lead before rallying to heat the hosts.

Jeff Kent also homered as the Mets opened a 6-0 lead in the second inning before holding off a Pirates comeback, keyed by Mark Johnson's two-run pinchhit homer and Charlie Haves' two-run triple in a five-run Giants 1, Marlins 0

Osvaldo Fernandez gave up two hits in 7% innings and Barry Bonds hit his 19th home run for host San Francisco. -Fernandez (4-6), whose spet in

the rotation appeared to be in jeopardy after going 0-5 in his last eight starts, got his first win since April 21.

Braves 9, Padres 3 Greg Maddux ended a monthlong winless drought with a fourhitter over eight innings.

Maddux (6-5), pitching to someone other than catcher Javy Lopez for the first time this season, had two losses and three no decisions since his last victory on May 17. He walked none and struck out eight.

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Maddux, who lost his shutout bid in the top of the sixth on Tony 'Gwynn's two-out RBI single, pitched to backup catcher Eddie Perez, who made his 15th start this year.

Expos 5, Rockies 3 Shane Andrews homered twice and Ugueth Urbina won his

fourth straight decision as host Colorado's six-game winning streak came to an end. Andrews went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs for the Expos, who have won five of their last

MONDAY'S NL RESULTS: New York 7, Pittsburgh 6 (10)
San Francisco I, Florida 0
Atlanta 9, San Diego 3
Houston 5, Cincinnuti 4 Montreal 5, Colorado 3 Los Angeles at Chicago (ppd)

MONDAY'S AL RESULTS: Oakland 8, Detroit 4 (16)

Minnesota 6, New York 3
Milwankee 9, Kanasa City 4
California 9, Chicago 8 (13)
Texas at Baltimore (ppd)

Malone pallbearer at funeral of befriended leukemia victim

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) - Danny Ewing, a 13-year-old leukemia victim who had been befriended by Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone, has been buried at Valley View Memorial Park.

The North Salt Lake youth died Friday. He had referred to Malone "my angel" and said Malone "helped brighten my life

Malone was a pallbearer at the finneral Monday. The service was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Lewis, the Jazz team chaplain. Malone and his wife, Kay, became acquainted with the boy last

summer during a visit to Primary Children's Medical Center. Makone was told May 30 that the boy had only weeks to live and he arranged for Ewing to attend that night's Game 6 of the NBA Western Conference Finals.

Ewing, wearing a Jazz cap and T-shirt, got a big hug and a uniform jersey from Malone outside the locker room, then sat in his wheelchair in the front row as Malone began his postgame news conference. "It's a sort of hittersweet win because you have people who touch

your life throughout this," Malone said. "All of a sudden you find out certain things, and I have a friend who's not doing too well right now, so this win is for him."

Malone and his wife established a Danny Ewing Memorial Fund. After paying funeral expenses, the money will go to young cancer an in Albania in Santa Santa

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TELEVISION

SERGIU Comissiona leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in the overture to Verdi's I Vespri Siciliani and in excerpts from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, and Silvia Marcovici is the soloist in

Khachaturian's Violin Concerto at 8 tonight at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jenisalem and at 8:30 tomorrow in Kfar Sava. David Shemer leads his Keshet Habaroque Orchestra in compositions by Boyce, W.F. Bach and the first performance in Israel of Dio, Clemenza & Rigore, an anonymous 1733 cantata from the synagogue of Casale Monferrato, Italy. At 8:30

tomorrow in Rehovot, Sunday at Congregation Kol Haneshama in Jerusalem and June 27 at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv. BALLET

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE ballet event of the year starts at 9 p.m. Saturday. For the first time in its history, London's Royal Ballet comes to Israel with its landmark production of one of the grandest of

premiere at the Roman amphitheatre in Car the sunning Darcey Bussell will dance the dual role of Odette/Odile to Jonathan Cop's prince. Different couples dance the lead roles on June 24, 25, 26 and 29.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

BRITISH drama series generally come in two flavors: vanilla uplift and rum-raisin venality, as in The House of Elliot vs. The Final Cut. Both currents swirl through Chancer, about a greasy-haired poor boy on the make who pops up in various of his betters' lives through circumstances determined by the toss of the dice or the turn of a card. The show first appeared on Jordan TV about five years ago when it was a cool oasis in a broadcast desert. Now it's back on JTV, and even though we've got a lot more to chose from these days, it's worth a tune-in tonight at 8:30. Some of the fun is in recognizing the faces of so many actors whom we've since seen elsewhere. The standout performance is of a character modeled on Robert Maxwell, portrayed here



The Royal Ballet will perform its landmark production of 'Swan Lake' on Saturday in Caesarea.

all classical ballets, Swan Lake. At Saturday night's with a mixture of pity and loathing.

FILM

Adina Hoffman

*** THE BIRDCAGE - From its spangled drag-show opening to the wedding at its close, Mike Nichols's remake of the popular 1978 French farce La Cage Aux Follesis remarkably close to the original. Scene for scene, gag for gag, The Birdcage barely swerves from the tracks set down by that bittersweet puff piece of a film about a couple of middle-aged homosexuals whose son announces his intentions to marry the daughter of a conservative politician. But with the action transplanted knowingly from St. Tropez to Miami's South Beach, with the characters turned American and the off-screen realities of the last 20 years being what they are (AIDS, Pat Buchanan, the right-wing push for "family values"), the picture feels different at its core from La Cage - a linle more literal perhaps, but also a good deal more dire. With Robin Williams, Gene Hackman and Nathan Lane. (English dialogue; Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance.)



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Pad that goes with a nick?
- 8 Brainwork, however tiring to begin (7)
- 9 Reach and pass the sauce
- 11 Lover is married, sadly (7) 12 One who checks filters,
- possibly (7)
- 13 Chinese society joining a Pacific kingdom (5) 14 First at Epsom-or chaser.
- perhaps? (9) 16 Pilot's instrument shows
- season in change (9) 19 Exhibition a blot on the
- landscape? (5) 21 What is seen below skirt?
- Can peek, cheekily! (7)
- 23 Folding sheets, Japanese fashion (7) 24 Bert lame, perhaps, but without a quiver (7)
- 25 Doctor after drink in charge, still? (7)
- 26 Sounds from here of pate being opened by judge (4,8)

DOWN

- 1 Figure raised after a heavy fall? (7)
- 2 Country with unusual lager—first-class to knock
- back! (7) 3 To understand Pinter play,
- retell the first half (9) 4 Soundly criticises notches
- on arrows (5)
- chariots war acceleration (7) with no 6 Academic whose mate arrives early on board? (7)

5 No realist, he, driving

- 7 The case for arms limitation (6-6)
- 10 Groundsman's ideal ability
- to name a note (7,5) 15 A beefy dish's means of
- dating at a party (9) 17 She rate, perhaps, as a
- saint? (7) 18 Mum caber-tossing? How
- gruesome! (7) 19 Bread picked up by the
- beak! (7)
- 20 He seizes Greek sailor. Lubber? Not half! (7)
- 22 Length of composition (5)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Rowing, 4 Craise, 7 Libertine, 9 Opus, 10 Abut, 11 Chunk, 13 Toupee, 14 Gallic, 15 Guitar, 17 Option, 19 Ramba, 20 Spur, 22 Saub, 23 Sappliant, 24 Pimple, 25 Expose.

DOWN: 1 Revolt, 2 Iris, 3 Goethe, 4 Citing, 5 Ulna, 6 Exotic, 7 Luxurious, 8 Ebulliert, 11 Ceclar, 12 Expps. 15 Goesip, 16 Eample, 17 Oblige, 18 Nobble, 21 Rump, 22

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Ghastly (8) 7 Surrenders,

allows (5) 8 Contemptuous noise (9)

9 Vegetable (3) 10 Care (4) 11 Flower (6) .13 Study of plants (6)

14 Put up with (6) 17 Shortage (6) 18 Nil (4) 20 Champion (3) 22 French cheese (9)

23 Companion (5) 24 English poet (8)

DOWN 1 Circumference (5) 2 Parvenu (7)

3 Weeps convulsively (4) 4 King Arthur's wizard (6) 5 Remodel, adjust

6 With sideways glance (7) 7 Hurricane (7) 12 Early childhood (7) 13 Equilibrium (7)

15 Futile (7) 16 Hinder, thwart (6) 17 Evil spirit (5) 19 Frequently (5) 21 Augury, portent (4)

E CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Evolution 8:30 Looking at Arithmetic 8:45 Stories of the Yishuv 9:10 English 9:30 Programs for chil-dren 9:50 Right Here 10:00 Morning Conversations 10:30 Tolerance 11:00 Music 11:20 Geography 11:45 Judaism 12:00 Life Sciences 12:30 Welcome to France 12:35 Science and Technology 13:00 The World of the Possible 13:30 Scary Tales 13:40 Our Friends 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 Shaltiel Quack 14:25 Amico and his friends 14:40 Dar the Postman 15:00 Animated series on Shakespeare - Macbeth

E CHANNEL 1

15:31 Friends of Shush 15:50 Timeless Land 16:00 Heartbreak High 16:45 Zap to Dovele 15:59 A New Evening 17:34 News in English 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS 17:50 News in Arabic HEBREW PROGRAMS

18:20 European Cup Soccer Championships 20:30 Mabat News Championships 20:30 Mapas News 21:20 European Cup Soccer Championships 23:30 News 24:00 European Cup Soccer championship 00:20 Verse of the Day

E CHANNEL 2

13:00 · Halfway Across the Galaxy - sci-fi drama for children 13:30 Power Sea 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 My Sea 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshet 17:30 SporTV 18:00 Senora 19:00 Hang Time 19:25 Blind Date 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune 21:06 Dr. Zhivago - part 2 23:07 NYPD - new season 00:00 News 00:05 NYPD season 00:00 News 00:05 NYPD 00:15 Reaching to the Sky – documentary about 10 Yemenite families who settled in Galilee in 1912, were forcibly uprooted in 1930 and resettled near Rehovot. Each year, their progeny return to Galilee to pay tribute to the first pioneers. 1:02 Gillette World of Sports Special 1:30 Dahlia and the Sailors (1964) — Israeli production of Sports Special 1:30 Danie and the Sailors (1964) - Israeli production about a stowaway found on a boat travelling from Canada to Israel. Staming Veronica Vancel, Oded Teumi, Shaike Ophir, Ark Einstein, Panada Americal Velocare Gaon and Benny Amdurski, Yehoram Gaon and Hanan Goldblatt. 3:02 Back Roads (1981) - story of a hooker and a drifter, who find love on the road and

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English 22:35 The Bold and the Beautiful 23:10 Airwolf

MIDDLE EAST TV

8:00 TV Shop 14:00 The 700 Club 14:30 Lalayette (1962) - Story of how the Marquis de Lalayette helped to libthe Marquis de Lalayette helped to lib-erate American colonies from British rule in 1776. Starring Orson Welles (83 mins.) 16:05 Urban Peasants 16:30 Dennis the Merace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Happiness 17:45 Hart to Hart 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight 20:00 CNN 20:30 Coach 20:55 Sliders 21:45 Sea Ouest 22:35 The 770 Chib 23:05 Larry King Live The 700 Club 23:05 Larry King Live

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17:00 Cartoons 17:30 On the Side of Justice 18:30 Discussion in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Documentary in Russian on Russian roots 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Nostalgia 21:15 Special on Queen 21:45 Jessica Lange 22:45 100 years

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Haydaze 16:00 With an Investigative Eye 16:20 Mathematics in daily life 16:35 Great (nventors 17:35 The Human Animal 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Everything's 17:35 The Human Animal 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Everything's Open 19:30 A Matter of Time 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Zero Hour 21:30 Mozart on Tour 22:30 History in

M FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 21 Jump Street 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 Under Suspicion 23:20 Wings 23:45 Melrose Place 00:35 Babylon 5 1:20 Hunter

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (1990) – the adventures of Leonardo, Michelangelo, Raphael and Donatello (rpt) 12:05 Royal Wedding (1951) -classic musical about a brother and sister who go to England to take part in the celebration of Princess Elizabeth's wedding, and find them-selves infected by the marriage bug, too. With Fred Astaire and Jane Powell. (92 mins.) 13:35 Seeing Stars 14:25 Boris and Natasha (1990) – two bumbling Soviet spies are sent to the US (rpt) 15:55 Enigma (1982) (rpt) 17:35 Battling for Baby (1991) - two friends become enemies meet again as grandmothers with a shared granddaughter. With Suzanne Pleshette and Debbie Reynolds (89 mins.) 19:15 Boundaries of the Heart (1988) - a woman living in the Australian Outback falls in love with a romantic stranger, but is disappointed to dis cover that he is a small-time comman A Mafia hitman returns to his child-hood haunts in Jewish Brooklyn, and to an unavoidable conflict with his family. With Tim Roth, Edward Furlong, Vanessa Redgrave (97 mins.) 22:45 Terminal Voyage (1994) – sci-fi thriller about mysterious deaths

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E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Poocomia 8:30 Spiderman 9:05 Alice in Wonderland (pt) 9:35 Nils Holgerson (rpt) 10:05 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper (rpt) 10:35 Caidoma Dreams (rpt) 11:05 Saved By the Bell (rpt) 11:30 Wild Nature 12:00 Hard Life on Planet Earth 12:45 Aivin and the Chipmunks 13:00 Summer Gardan 13:25 Kotobus Surprise Garden 13:35 Ketchup Vampires 14:00 Blinky Bil 14:35 Alice in Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson 15:35 Weird Science 16:05 California Dreams 16:35 Saved By the Bell 17:05 Beakman's World 17:30 Hard Life on Planet Earth 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:35 Popcomia (rpt) 19:00 Spiderman (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake 21:30 Drop the Dead Donkey

M SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Mississippi Blues (1983) -Documentary about the countryside, people and music of the Deep South, Directed by Bertrand Tavernier and Robert Parrish (92 mins.) 23:35 Culde-Sac (1966) — Black cornedy about two wounded gangsters who escape to a lonely castle where they terrorize the owner and his beautiful wife. With Donald Pleasance, Francoise Dorleac and Lionel Stander. Directed by Roman Polanski (105 mins.)

E DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Cpen University 12:00 National Geographic Explorer (rp!) 13:00 Combat at Sea (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 National Geographic Explorer (rpt) 17:00 Combat at Sea (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 The Wild South 21:00 Wild Country, Wild Horses 22:00 Future Creet 22:30 Horses 22:00 Future Quest 22:30 Ancient Warriors 23:00 The Wild South (rpt) 23:50 Open University

E SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 NBC News 7:30 ITN News 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:00 Morning Report from Wall Street – live 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Portraits of the Century 20:00 Furnoe 2000 20:30 The Selina Scott Europe 2000 20:30 The Selina Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 23:00 PGA Golf 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 Later with

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9:30 Car Racing: Canadian Grand Prix - race (rpt) 10:30 The Olympic Games - Atlanta Preview 11:00 Soccer: European Cup - Romania vs Spain 13:00 Boxing: Middleweights 14:00 Soccer: European Cup -Scotland vs Switzerland (rpt) 15:30 Soccer: European Cup - France vs Bulgaria (rot) 17:00 Soccer: European Cup - Holland vs England (rot) 18:30 Soccer: European Cup - Croatia vs Portugal - live 20:30 Soccer: European Cup - round-up 21:30 Soccer: European Cup - Russia vs Czech Republic - five 23:30 Soccer: European Cup - Italy vs Germany 1:00 Formula 1 Magazine 1:30 ATP Tennis 2:00 The Olympic Games -

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■ VOICE OF MUSIC

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Israel, Turkey to conduct

joint naval exercises

Jerusalem Post Staff

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against backing Syria's stance on

the sensitive water issue at the

Arab summit in Cairo this week-

end, the Anatolian news agency

reported. Turkish Foreign

Minister Emre Gonensay sent a

letter to his Arab counterparts

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recent joint protest against Turkey

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TORTURE, unfair trials and extrajudicial murders characterized the Palestinian Authority's justice system, according to Amnesty International's report for

This report is included as part of Amnesty's report on Israel, because Israel is still technically the sovereign power in these areas.

I would define this as a sharp report." said Orna Rabinovitch-Pundak, who heads Amnesty's Israeli

The report found that torture was carried out by members of the PA security services, and four people died in custody "in circumstances suggesting that tor-ture may have contributed to their deaths." A fifth died when a gun was fired during an interrogation.

One of the victims was Salman Jalaytah, who was reportedly "denied food, beaten repeatedly with cables and given electric shocks." He died three days after being arrested, but his death was never investigated, the report said.

"Methods of torture included severe beatings, electric shocks, prolonged standing in painful positions, burning with cigarettes and suspension from the ceiling," the report stated.

Furthermore, it was not only residents of the PA who suffered from these methods. Amnesty said. "Scores of Palestinians from the West Bank outside the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority were

taken from their homes and tortured and ill-treated by members of the Palestinian security services in Jericho," the report said.

ISRAEL Navy ships will visit

ports in southern Turkey early

next month as part of joint naval

exercises, Turkey indirectly con-

Asked to confirm media reports

that Israel and Turkey are plan-

ning the exercises, Turkish Ambassador Barlas Ozener told

Reuters, "When naval ships visit

another country's ports, the two

countries' ships usually spend

some time together at sea."

Turkey's navai chief, Adm.

Guven Erkaya, visited here last

month. He met with his counter-

part, Adm. Alex Tal, and held talks

with Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

warned Arab countries yesterday

gation reported yesterday.

election, but failed to do so.

In a related matter, Turkey

THE Russian government has postponed its decision

on whether to allow the Jewish Agency to continue operating in its territory, a two-person Agency dele-

According to outside observers, the postponement

came as a relief to the Jewish Agency, which feared

that President Boris Yeltsin might adopt a hard line

against the Agency in order to bolster his chances in

Last month, the Jewish Agency submitted a formal

request for recognition after the Russian government

declared that it, along with many other foreign organizations, was no longer acting within the law. The

Russian government was due to respond to the

Agency's application on Saturday, the day before the

A Jewish Agency spokesperson told The Jerusalem

Post that the government would respond to the

Agency's application "as soon as possible." But

according to the observers, the Agency hopes that the

the current presidential election campaign.

fir and yesterday.

The report also found that the PA's state security court, set up in February 1995, sentenced 40 people in trials which were "grossly unfair."

"Trials were held in secret, often in the middle of the night," the report said. " ... defense lawyers, who normally worked for the security services, were appointed by the court. Relatives were informed of charges and trials only after hearings had taken

"Extrajudicial punishments such as kneecapping were reportedly carried out by members of Palestinian security services ... and by members of groups allied to the PLO, such as the Fatah hawks," the report continued. "At least four Palestinians from the West Bank were deliberately and arbitrarily killed, reportedly by members of the Palestinian Authority's security forces or individuals from armed groups allied to the PLO."

The report also noted that the PA arrested more than 1,000 people, including human rights activists, journalists and members of groups opposed to the Oslo Accords. Most were released without charge within a few days, but some "were held without charge or trial throughout the year." Many, the report continued, were prisoners of conscience - such as Maher Alami, editor of al-Quils, who was detained for six days because he ran a story about Yasser Arafat on the eighth page of

the paper instead of the first. The report also scored a law passed last June which restricted freedom of the press, and the suicide bombings which killed more than 40 people last year.

Egypt and six Gulf Arab states

last December angered Turkey by

uring it to sign an just agreement

with Damascus on sharing the water of the Euphrates, which rises

in the mountains of eastern Turkey

and flows into Syria and Iraq. Meanwhile, a Turkish military

official alleged on Monday that

Syria was carrying out a small

military build-up near its border with Turkey. Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam

denied this and accused Ankara of

a military build-up on its own side

Syria and Turkey have long

been at odds over disputed border

territory and Syria's alleged sup-

port for Kurdish rebels.

The controversy between Russia and Israel over the

Agency began April 8, when the director of the Russian Council for Culture and Religion withdrew

the agency's mandate, and the deputy minister of jus-

tice notified local authorities to curtail agency activi-

ties. Shortly afterwards, authorities stopped aliva activities in the towns of Birobijan and Piatrgorsk.

In response, Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg wrote a letter of protest to Russian Justice

Minister Kavilov Valentine. "The agency operates in

dozens of countries," Burg wrote, "and it has never

On May 15, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman

Grigory Karasin said the agency's problems could be

resolved if "the Jewish Agency shows readiness to

The following day, Nezavisimaya Gazeta, a popu-

lar Moscow daily known for its ties to the Russian

security services, blasted the agency for its aliya

abide by respective Russian laws and rules."

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of the frontier.

ADMINISTRATIVE detentions and ill-treatment of Palestinian prisoners continued to lead Amnesty International's list of Israeli human rights violations

The organization's report on 1995 noted that more than 600 administrative detention orders were issued against Palestinians. in addition to two against Jews. Furthermore, the maximum period of detention was increased from six months to a year in February 1995.

"During appeals, which usually took place several weeks after arrest, detainees and their lawyers were not provided with important information about the reasons for their detention," the report added.

There were also more than 200 detainees held in the Israeli-controlled security zone in Lebanon, and another 70 Lebanese and foreign nationals held in administrative detention in Israel, the report said. This latter figure includes people such as Mustafa Dirani and Sheikh Obeid, considered by Israel to be leading Hizbullah terrorists. In addition, the report said, there were 17 Lebanese who were held even after completing a court-imposed prison sentence.

"Palestinian detainees continued to be systematically tortured or ill-treated during interrogation by the General Security Service (GSS), often while being held incommunicado," the report con-tinued. "Methods that were routinely used included hooding, prolonged sleep deprivation (usually while standing or sitting shackled

in painful positions), beating, shaking, and confinement to cupboard-sized rooms."

The report in particular cited the case of Abdel Samad Harizat, who died as a result of being shaken during a GSS interrogation. It said that though an investigation found that Harizat was shaken 12 times in as many hours, criminal charges were not brought against the agents responsible. It also noted that the ministerial committee which oversees the GSS continued to renew the GSS's permit for shaking even after Harizat's

"Detainees were frequently denied access to lawyers for up to 30 days and to relatives for up to 140 days," the report added. "Confessions obtained under duress were often the main source of evidence against detainees."

The report also charged that some Palestinians had been shot by security forces "in circumstances suggesting that they had been extrajudicially executed." One such case cited in the report was Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shkaki, who was assassinated by unknown attackers in Malta.

"Those responsible for past human rights violations continued to enjoy virtual impunity," the report continued, citing the case of an Israeli colonel who shot and killed a 14-year-old Palestinian girl. A military court found him guilty of causing her death through failure to exercise proper caution, but he received only a six-month suspended sentence.

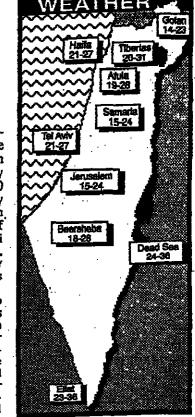
Other items cited in the report

included the demolition of suspected terrorists' houses, the imposition of prison sentences on Israelis who refuse to do military service, the fact that 4,000 Palestinians convicted of security offenses continue to be held in prison, the continued holding of convicted traitor Mordechai Vananu in solitary confinement, and the fact that convicted spy Avraham Klingberg "remains seriously ill" in prison.

For the first time, the report also contained a section on arms sales to countries which violate human rights. The report found, for instance, that Rwandan government groups responsible for the genocide in that country obtained arms from Israel, among other countries. Orna Rabinovitch-Pundak, head of Amnesty's Israel chapter, said that electric shockers made in Israel are being used in China, and Uzi submachine guns and Galil assault rifles are often used by armed insurrectionists in Africa and South America.

In most cases, Rabinovitch-Pundak said, insurrectionist groups obtain Israeli weapons via third parties, and the electric shockers were apparently sold by a private firm. However, she said. Amnesty wants legislation passed to tighten supervision of both private and public exports, to ensure that arms or instruments of torture do not reach terrorist groups or governments via third parties.

"One shocker with 'Made in Israel' stamped on it destroys years of diplomatic work," she



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards and numbers

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, king of hearts, nine of diamonds and jack of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 25, 35, 40, 22, 5, 38 and the additional number was 17.

US Navy testing Rafael system

STEVE RODAN

THE US Navy is testing a new weapon by Rafael as part of an evaluation of new systems for deployment on navy and coast guard vessels, defense industry executives said yesterday.

Rafael's product is called the Typhoon Stabilized Naval Weapons System, a lightweight weapon designed for patrol boats and other navy vessels to improve the accuracy of machine

gun fire. The Rafael system is being marketed by Lockheed Martin. The US defense contractor has received a US Navy contract to

test and evaluate the system. The tests will be conducted in the next several weeks at the US Navy Patuxent River test facility. The Typhoon will be evaluated? against a range of surface and air

threats Lockheed executives, which is providing on-site support for the US Navy tests, said the Typhoon; has been demonstrated with several Lockheed weapons, including the GAU-19/A .50 caliber Gatting gun and the M242 chain gun.

During a recent evaluation for the Israel Navy, executives said, the Rafael system demonstrated an overall hit probability of 100 percent during day and night trials for both the Gatting and chain

A Jerusalem passerby yesterday views the newly reinstalled plaque honoring the late Mordechai

Gur, on the street bearing his name near the Old City's Lions Gate. The municipality placed bars to protect the plaque after it was defaced recently. It commemorates the 1967 breakthrough to the Old City by paratroopers commanded by Gur.

decision will be put off until the second round of the activities, which "are akin to interference in Russia's presidential election so that it does not become a internal affairs." Arutz 7 seeks land license

THE pirate radio station Arutz 7 is hopeful that the new government will change the law to allow it to broadcast on land instead of from a ship outside the territorial waters. However, unless such a law is carefully constructed, it could lead to demands from pirate radio stations broadcasting from land to demand the same condi-

Yoel Tsut, technical director of the settlers' radio station, said yesterday that after the government settles in, Arutz 7 would like to be allowed to broadcast nationally from its Beit El studios. Unlike several dozen pirate radio stations. Arutz 7 broadcasts outside the territorial limits, and thus is not violating the law.

"We are recognized but not offi-cial," Tsur said. "We are in full, but unwritten, coordination regarding frequencies with the Israel Defense Forces, the Communications Ministry and other authorities. However, if a bill legalizing on-land operations would cause difficulties with security or other matters, we would continue to broadcast from

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the sea." Tsur said.

The Communications Ministry has tried to shut down many pirate stations in recent months. One station broadcasting in the Ben-Gurion Airport area caused such disruption in communications between aircraft and the control tower that the airport was shut down for several hours, but the violator was not caught by the police. Ministry legal adviser

Menahem Ohali said yesterday that existing laws allow only the Broadcasting Authority and Galei Zahal to broadcast radio nationally. In addition, the Second TV Channel and Radio Authority Law permits private companies that have won public tenders to broadcast on a regional basis. For Arutz 7 to begin broadcasting nationally from land, the law would have to be amended, but if not worded carefully, pirate stations broadcasting from land would demand the same privileges.

Permanently shutting down the pirate stations is very difficult, as transmitters can be purchased for

as little as NIS 10,000, and owners stay away, hiring young peo-ple willing to work for low wages. When someone is caught, the courts "say the problem is broadcast contents rather than the security danger over stolen frequencies," so the fines are little more

than NIS 1,000. Ohali said. Legislators will also have to consider the fairness of allowing a pirate station to broadcast in competition with entrepreneurs who won franchises and invested much money in their operations, Ohali

Tsur maintained that Arutz 7 was "not competing with regional radio stations, which play rock music and use vulgar language. Our lis-teners tune in to hear Hebrew tunes and Torah lectures."

Arutz 7 has begun a fund-raising campaign through the mails, asking listeners to donate NIS 600, NIS 400 or a smaller sum to keep the station running. Although commercial firms advertise on the station, the costs of running the ship are very high, said Tsur, and don't cover all

This year's Arad Festival to be smaller

THIS year's Arad Festival, scheduled for August 6-8, will be more modest than in previous years - if it is held at all, organizers said yesterday. They added that, should the festival not be held this year, it would never be held again.

Festival director Nahum Langsam told a Tel Aviv press conference that, in light of last year's tragedy when three young people were trampled to death by the crowd, it was decided not to hold large events nor to use the

Lebanon condemns Israel's sabotage returns **EVELYN GORDON**

Road

A board with nails was placed on the Trans-Samarian highway yesterday to damage passing cars, a form of sabotage which settlers say has not been seen since the intifada, David Elhayan, a spokesman for

the Jordan Valley settlements, said one of the residents of the valley was traveling to Ariel at around 9:30 a.m. when two of his tires were suddenly punctured, a few kilometers from his destination. The traveler reported the event to the Ma'ale Ephraim police, and was told that his was not the first

complaint received that morning. The police confirmed that a board with nails had been found on the highway, and said it had "clearly" been placed there intentionally. The police are investigating the incident.

"This happened during the intifada, but not [recently]," he said. "We hope we aren't returning to the days of the intifada."

arrest of journalist LEBANESE government officials

yesterday condemned the arrest by the IDF of a Lebanese journalist working in the security zone.

Reports from Lebanon said Ali Dia, who works for Agence France Presse (AFP), was detained last week apparently on suspicion of providing information to Hizbullah.

According to the reports Dia, 40, was responsible for filming the roadside bomb attack in Marjayoun at the end of last month in which four IDF soldiers were killed.

Dia also works for Future Television, which is owned by Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, as well as the Beirut Daily

A-Safir.
The film of the incident was screened on television stations in Lebanon and throughout the world, including Israel.

According to the reports, Dia was asked by South Lebanese Army officers to report last. Thursday to their headquarters in

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Marjayoun, where he was arrested and taken to Israel for interroga-

The IDF Spokesman confirmed earlier this week that Dia had been detained for questioning. Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bouez strongly denounced what he termed an "unjust and ter-

rorist act" by Israel against a member of the press.
The Lebanese Information Minister said Israel's action also effected residents living in the

security zone and their work there. He vowed to do everything in his power through international organizations to secure Dia's release. Hizbullah, meanwhile, issued a

statement categorically denying that Dia was collaborating with the fundamentalist Islamic organization. The Hizbullah statement said the incident was a "desperate attempt by Israel to cover its ugly

A statement issued by the

French authorities described the incident as a serious breach of press freedom and said France awaits more details regarding the

reasons behind Dia's arrest. Meanwhile, the Voice of the South radio station, which broadcasts from the security zone, yesterday responded to comments earlier this week by Hrawi calling. on Israel to withdraw from the

Hrawi and other Lebanese officials pledged that Lebanon would ensure peace and security in the South and that not a single bullet would be fired from its territory into Israel

to Israel.
The Voice of the South statement, however, said the Lebanese had yet to prove they are capable of ensuring peace and security in those areas in which the army is

already deployed.
"If they cannot prove what they. are capable of doing today, how will we know what they are capable of doing tomorrow?" the radio

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